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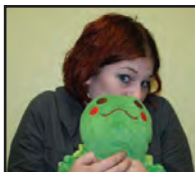
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## Opening Thoughts from the Editors

*"I now live five minutes away from campus, which means I only have to wake up 15 minutes before class. For the win."*

—Editor-in-Chief Lauryn Seering

*"I'm excited to know my way around campus and not have to ask every other person that walks by where to go."*

—News Editor Jessica Vaysberg

*"The life of a fifth-year student: going strong since 2007."*

—Entertainment Editor Roseanne Meier

*"When in fear or in doubt...go on D2L and check it out."*

—Sports Editor Morgan Pfaller

*"The new MSC will open the year after I graduate. Can I have some tuition money back?"*

—Opinions Editor Jerad Maplethorpe

## Telling Time on Campus

**Lauryn Seering**  
Editor-in-Chief

For older students on campus, this fall has brought many changes to the landscape. Not only is the Memorial Student Center getting a complete facelift, but the library and outdoor track have also been renovated.

For almost five years, the bells of Bowman Clock tower have been chiming the hour, while the clock's hands remained stationary.

The 168-foot-tall tower is an icon of our school and for a long time it was the brunt of every joke. Why wouldn't a polytechnic university that is praised for its technology fix such a simple problem—especially when said prob-

lem is imprinted on every student ID card and lunch tray?

But this problem was more complicated. Funding grants are hard to come by in our shaky economy, but luckily the time finally came.

The clock tower was successfully fixed over the summer. For students who remained on campus during the quiet break, it was quite a spectacle. Workers manually hammered out large chunks of glass, which fell and shattered on the concrete below. All four faces were replaced with white glass, and the cogs were reworked to accurately tell the time.

So, the next time you are sprinting to class, the clock tower will be there to remind you that you are running late.

## Tobacco Ban enters second year

**Jessica Vaysberg**  
News Editor

Beginning Sept. 1, the University of Wisconsin-Stout entered its second year as a tobacco-free campus. The policy came about last fall when students voted against allowing smoking and tobacco products on campus in two referendums sponsored by the Stout Student Association. The referendum first took place in April 2009, which was the largest student election turnout ever on campus. A year later, the second vote took place and passed, causing all tobacco use to be banned on any property UW-Stout owns or controls.

According to Executive Director of Communications and External Relations, Doug Mell, Chancellor Sorenson's position on everybody who attends UW-Stout, as a student or faculty member, that any reasonable person and will want to follow the policy. The policy will eventually become ingrained in the UW-Stout cul-

ture. Currently, there are no official sanctions for tobacco use on campus.

As one of almost 400 colleges and universities in the U.S. to be completely tobacco free, UW-Stout is the only four-year public university located in Wisconsin that is completely tobacco-free. Other schools in the UW-system have contacted Mell with inquiries on making their campuses tobacco free, but other than the University of Wisconsin-Baraboo, no schools have made the change thus far.

The new policy may benefit the health of those on campus. "Second-hand smoke is a known carcinogen," said Mell. "We're removing a known carcinogen from the breathing space of students, faculty and staff." In addition, Mell said that the amount of tobacco use on campus is decreasing and the policy is working better than expected.

At some point in time, he thinks that every school in the UW-system is going to be tobacco-free, because that is the way society is going.

*In remembrance of Bridgette Elizabeth Twining of Chanhassen, Minn. who was unable to join us this year at UW-Stout.*



# Photos from the Backyard Bash



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Tyler Eul and Eric Isaacson



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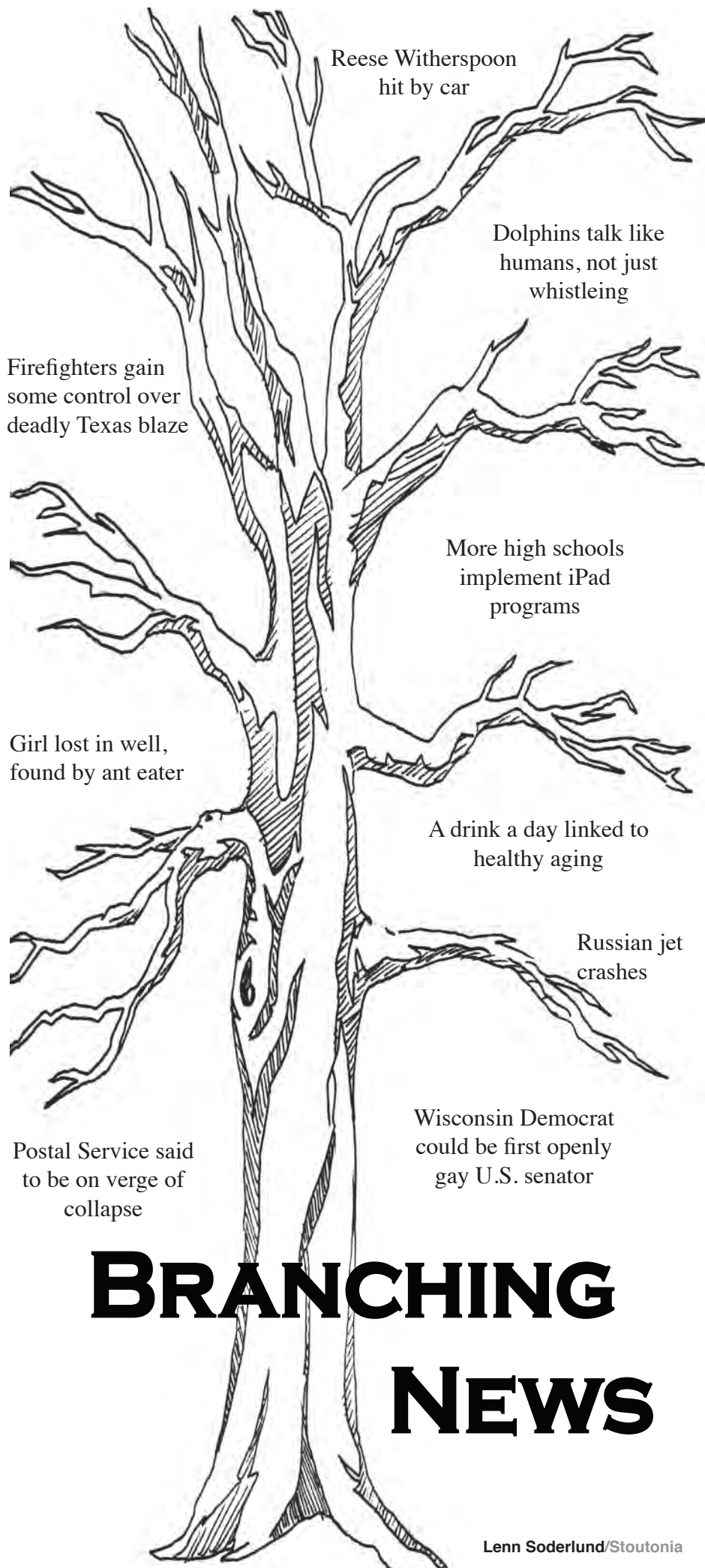


Street Level Ministries



Stout Veterans Club





# BRANCHING NEWS

Lenn Soderlund/Stoutonia

## I Wish I had known then...

After you live in Menomonie for a while, you begin to realize how things in this town work. You learn what events to attend and how to make your life more convenient. So, here is a list for incoming freshman to keep in mind during their first few weeks on campus.

Heritage Hall is actually the Home Economics building.

You will learn to appreciate the Commons when you live off-campus.

Every Monday at 10 a.m. some nice lady hands out free muffins for hungry students. You will learn to change your walking path to intercept the delicious food.

Don't go to the Campus Card Office if you misplace your ID card. Call 1-877-897-2228, which is the Higher One Customer Service office. You may not have to pay for your lost card.

Learn to enjoy your free time when you're still a lowerclassmen, because your schedule will get busier.

The Red Cedar Trail requires a pass fee, which is \$20 annually, but if you check out the other side of the trail that has concrete roads, it's free.

The University Library has not only books for rent, but also a plethora of DVDs, records and video games.

Sewer caps get slippery in the winter, so be careful once the snow falls.

You do have time to join clubs; you will meet some of the best people there.

If the girls on the floor want to bring a stereo into the bathroom, don't let them.

You will learn to appreciate the Commons when you live off-campus.

Working on-campus is worth it if you can find the right job.

## Menomonie residents get wheels turning on helping community

Jessica Vaysberg  
News Editor

Two Menomonie residents, Danny LaRose and Josh Lueth, are focused on a project to provide working bicycles to University of Wisconsin-Stout students for no charge. Their mission began six weeks ago.

"We were sitting around one day, talking about cycling and how weird it is that these other cities offer free or at least cheap bikes to use, and yet Menomonie still doesn't have something like this going," said LaRose. They decided to take the initiative to get something started. They have completed two bikes so far and would like to put them out for others to use as soon as possible, given that there is a demand for them.

LaRose and Lueth believe that by building and offering bikes that students can use, traveling around Menomonie will be easier, potentially boosting the downtown Menomonie economy, and helping the environment.

"Have you ever stood at the crosswalk while the bus idles at the light? It's like bottling the smog from Los Angeles and throwing it in your face," said LaRose. "It's quite disgusting if you ask me. Why not do something about it? I like the idea of people cycling. It's great exercise and a great stress reliever."

The process begins by looking for scavenged bikes, frames and parts that are usable in building a safe bike. When looking for the bikes and bike parts, LaRose and Lueth look for

something that will be comfortable for the average person to use. The parts must be compatible with the bikes they are building. As the project continues to grow, and more people begin to ride their bikes on the already crowded sidewalks on campus, they hope to get bike lanes painted on the main streets.

Eventually, they would like to get UW-Stout and the city of Menomonie involved in their work. They are looking for volunteers and donations for the project. For more information or to get involved, visit "Free the Bicycles" on Facebook or send an e-mail to [Freethiebicycles@gmail.com](mailto:Freethiebicycles@gmail.com).



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## **Calendar of Events**

### **STOUT ADVENTURES - 56 Sports & Fitness Center (232-5625)**

9/13-17	FREE WEEK
9/14, 7 p.m.	Campfire & Smores
9/15, 7 p.m.	"Get to know SA" Informational Presentation
9/16, 8 p.m.	Bad Cat Bike Giveaway
9/18-19	All Nighter Campout
9/24-26	Sea Kayak the Apostle Islands
9/24-26	Sailing the Apostle Islands
9/29, 7 p.m.	Basic Bike Maintenance & Repair
10/1-3	Rock Climbing Lake Superior's North Shore

### **HEALTH & FITNESS CENTER - 53 Sports & Fitness Center (232-1378)**

9/13 - 17	FREE WEEK (workouts and group fitness classes)
9/13	Fitness Extravaganza - Free in the West Gym from 7-8pm
Now	Registration is now open for the Blue Devil Run/Walk (5K & 10K)

### **INTRAMURAL SPORTS - 41 Sports & Fitness Center (232-1392)**

9/15-21	Block 1 Registration at room 41 SFC
9/22	Informational meetings for team captains
9/25	Softball Tournament - Alumni Field
9/26	IM Block 1 Leagues begin play

*For full event details, registration forms or to receive email updates visit the University Recreation website - <http://urec.uwstout.edu>*



# Your College Career Isn't Going to be Unicorns and Rainbow-Colored Cockatiels (Unless You Do Too Much Acid)

**Jerad Maplethorpe**  
*Opinions Editor*

The truth is that college will be what you make of it. It may become the busiest four years of your life, or the greatest six years. You might graduate with honors, or not graduate at all. Maybe you'll drop out and become the next Mark Zuckerberg. It all depends on you.

Bill Beattie once said, "The aim of education should be to teach us rather how to think, than what to think – rather to improve our minds, so as to enable us to think for ourselves, than to load the memory with thoughts of other men."

I'm not exactly sure who Bill Beattie is, but he is right! In order to truly make the most out of college, you have to be able to do more than soak up facts – you have to be able to draw connections between various concepts.

When I first arrived at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, I could not understand why someone would switch his or her major. Since then, I have switched my major four times. Oops, didn't see that coming. Oh well.

The main thing I have come to understand is that you cannot force yourself to enjoy something, especially when it comes to education. If you're not thrilled to learn about a certain subject, you're sure as hell not going to enjoy doing it for a living. Education is worthless if you do not see the value in what you are learning, so stay flexible and do not compromise your values.

## Expand your comfort zone

It can be nerve-wracking to expose your-

self to new situations, but why? The answer, it turns out, has to do with sensory input. When you start your first day on the job, you experience a plethora of new sights, sounds, people, rules and ideas. Your mind's natural reaction to this sensory overload is anxiety.

After being exposed to the same situation several times, however, your subconscious mind begins to encode that once-brand-new information, allowing your conscious mind to concentrate on other tasks. For example, you might feel uncomfortable joining an organization for the first time, but you'll soon realize it's no big deal and you'll be glad you did.

## You are constantly surrounded by people, but five of them matter most

As a general rule, you are a compilation of your five closest friends' personalities, characteristics and beliefs. This, of course, can be a good thing or a bad thing, depending on how your friends influence you.

Hanging out with the right crowd will be important throughout your entire life, but it's possibly the most important during your college years. In college you are in state of transition. You are figuring out who you want to be. Do not let that search be impeded by people who do not share your same values.

Now, this is not to say you should not have friends who have different opinions, because you definitely should. The more perspectives you are exposed to, the better. All I am saying is that your friends have an amazing influence over you, and you should be aware of how they affect your decision-making process.

## To be an employee or an employer?

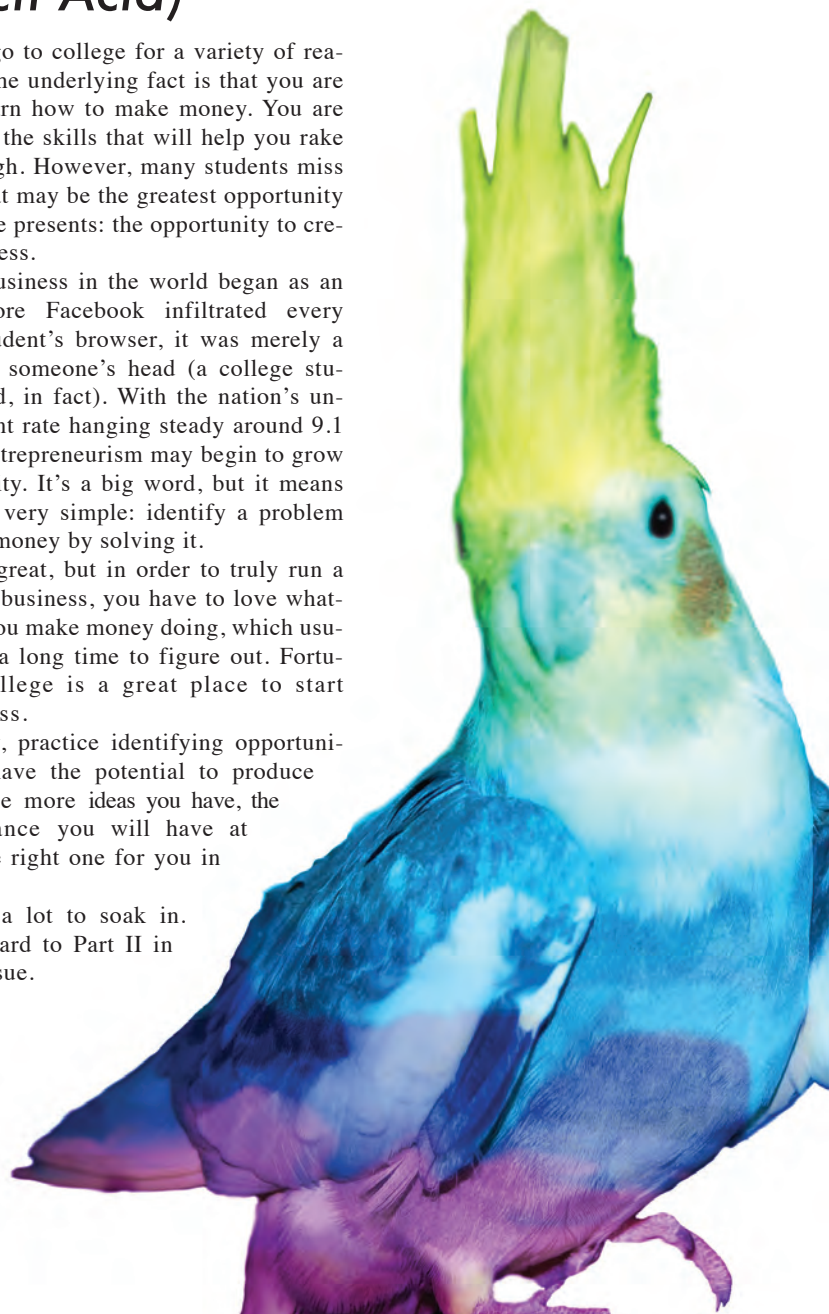
People go to college for a variety of reasons, but the underlying fact is that you are here to learn how to make money. You are paying for the skills that will help you rake in the dough. However, many students miss out on what may be the greatest opportunity that college presents: the opportunity to create a business.

Every business in the world began as an idea. Before Facebook infiltrated every college student's browser, it was merely a thought in someone's head (a college student's head, in fact). With the nation's unemployment rate hanging steady around 9.1 percent, entrepreneurship may begin to grow in popularity. It's a big word, but it means something very simple: identify a problem and make money by solving it.

Sounds great, but in order to truly run a successful business, you have to love whatever it is you make money doing, which usually takes a long time to figure out. Fortunately, college is a great place to start that process.

For now, practice identifying opportunities that have the potential to produce money. The more ideas you have, the better chance you will have at finding the right one for you in the future.

That is a lot to soak in. Look forward to Part II in the next issue.



## Who's "Liked" on Facebook?

**Eminem: 46,600,000**

**Rihanna: 44,700,000**

**Lady Gaga: 43,300,000**

**Shakira: 40,000,000**

**Justin Bieber: 35,700,000**

**Katy Perry: 34,700,000**

**Harry Potter: 34,100,000**

**Obama: 23,000,000**

**Kim Kardashian: 6,300,000**

**Mark Zuckerberg: 5,000,000**

**George W. Bush: 1,600,000**

**Ron Paul: 495,000**

**Rick Perry: 150,000**

**Einstein: 106,000**

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# What will it take to vote in Menomonie?

## Voter ID Bill passed

**Lauryn Seering**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Earlier this year, Wisconsin legislation passed a bill mandating one of the strictest voter ID requirements ever, due to take effect before the next presidential election. Backers of the bill propose that it will decrease voter fraud, but opponents quip that it will make voting more difficult for certain demographics, such as college students and out-of-state residents.

The League of Women Voters (LWV) of Wisconsin has prepared a lawsuit that will allege that this law violates a portion of the U.S. Constitution. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel explains that the Constitution does not have right-to-vote provisions, but each state constitution does. LWV plans to file the suit through the

Dane County Circuit Court.

Some of the popular controversies surrounding the bill include the fact that valid photo IDs must have the current address at which you are registered. You are required to have resided at that address for at least 28 days.

For college students at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, this could pose a serious problem in voting. A good segment of our student population lives in either the residence

halls or off-campus housing. Many people never have their drivers' licenses updated for these changes of address, since doing so costs time and money.

Purchasing new IDs or replacement IDs in Menomonie can be difficult. The Menomonie Department of Motor Vehicles is only open on Thursdays and Fridays. Those days are often full of school and homework for busy students.

For students who don't research what they need to do to not only register, but also to vote,

they will be unable to do either if they learn about these new rules at the polls. If turned away on an election day, it will be impossible to obtain the necessary documentation.

So remember students, when you're registering you will need a letter of proof of residence (like a bill or a tuition statement). Beginning next year, the following IDs will be accepted: a Wisconsin driver's license, state-issued ID cards, military IDs, passports, IDs issued by Wisconsin-based tribes and certain school IDs.

Oh, and our UW-Stout issued IDs don't count since they don't have current addresses listed. So, be careful when you register for the upcoming elections. Make sure to give yourself time to register and jump through the loopholes.



## “One small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind”

**Jerad Maplethorpe**  
*Opinions Editor*

Notice anything significant about the name of this article? When Neil Armstrong stepped onto the moon for the first time, his actual quote was, “One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.” The distinction is hard to notice, but without the “a” in there, man and mankind mean the same thing. I can only imagine how frustrated he must have been once he realized his mistake.

This article has nothing to do with the moon. In fact, the issue that I would like to address is a very Earthly one. Neil Armstrong's intended message was that through the efforts of individuals, mankind's history changed forever. This is the same message that I would like to convey to you, although about a very different subject: fast food.

Fast food has become, what I would consider to be, the epicenter of American obesity and has led to a decline in the “mom and pop” restaurants. These enormous corporations absolutely dominate every region of the country and spend millions of dollars in marketing every year to ensure that you think of them first when hunger strikes.

Don't get me wrong; I'm all for capitalism. This article is not about ridding the world of places like McDonald's, Wendy's, Burger King or Taco Bell. This article is intended to inform you, the individual, about how your decision to purchase fast food has an effect on your body and your local economy.

The simple truth is that fast food is bad for you. Most people know this, so why do so many people still consume it? It is because, as hu-

mans, we tend to base our decisions off of what other people do. If the majority of Americans eat fast food, we easily justify eating it as well. This type of thinking has to stop.

By simply changing the way you think about what you are putting into your body, you can resist fast food altogether. How many fruits and vegetables do you eat in a day? Probably not many, but no one else does either, so it must be okay, right? No. Your diet is extremely crucial to your physical, psychological and emotional well-being. After all, you are what you eat, so if you put shitty food in, how do you think you'll feel?

Eating healthy isn't always cheap, I'll admit that, but doesn't that make a statement in itself? Healthy food should be more expensive than crappy food, as it offers you something valuable. After all, your brain tells you to stop eating once you have consumed enough nutrients, not once you have consumed enough food.

In the long run, it is worth spending a little extra time and money to eat healthily. You will not only be able to support local farmers, but your body will be very appreciative of your decision to take better care of it.

I'm a realist and understand that occasionally indulging in fast food is either necessary or appealing; just keep in mind how frequently you visit fast food joints. Do you really need those massive portions? Do you really want a box of greasy fries with that? Do you really want to give your money to a corporation that is only paying the front counter employee minimum wage?

Spend a bit more time thinking about your decisions and what is really important. Do you need that instant gratification, or can you wait the extra hour to get home and make a decent meal?

Individualism is strong in the American heart and, therefore, change begins with you. You cannot wait for someone else to change the world. It takes “one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind.”





## Jim Tavaré | *Not a D-Nozzle*

Rose Meier  
Entertainment Editor

Comedian Jim Tavaré left the crowd of University of Wisconsin-Stout students in bursts of laughter and applause after he entertained them on Tuesday night, Sept. 6. His musical talents, satirical style and infusion of “caught-off-guard” sexual jokes make this Brit an act to remember.

Hailing from England, Tavaré describes his physical appearance as similar to a body that autopsies are performed on. This oddly-tall bald man has deep, concave eye sockets and a boney face. Based on his looks, this is one dude you wouldn’t want to share a small, dark space with.

Fortunately, his looks have earned him a career. Tavaré plays off of his physical appearance and heritage throughout his routine. It seems to work for him because of his non-traditional approach. Tavaré has a way of mystery that an audience waits on anxiously.

Tavaré shares the stage with his cello for most of his act. He relies on the instrument

for references to movies, music, women, shark attacks and much more. Other instruments that he brings up on stage include a recorder, harmonica, a mockery of a violin and a vacuum. He also uses these instruments to imitate other objects and even dares to make gyrating motions on the cello’s side.

You may recognize Tavaré from “Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban.” He played the role of Tom the Innkeeper in a short but memorable part of the film.

Tavaré set the semester off on a good note, literally.



Donated Photo/Jim Tavaré

## Top Five Rock Songs of Summer 2011 | Editor’s Picks

- #1 Blink-182, “Up All Night”
- #2 Adelitas Way, “Sick”
- #3 Trivium, “In Waves”
- #4 Korn featuring Skrillex, “Get Up!”
- #5 Jane’s Addiction, “Irresistible Force”

Rose Meier  
Entertainment Editor

Contrary to what popular radio believes, I think that the best song from the summer of 2011 is “Up All Night” by Blink-182.

Although Britney Spears and I are on good terms, she just doesn’t make me whip my hair back and forth quite like Blink-182 does. But to be fair, she has taught me some good dance moves.

After a couple of years on hiatus, Blink-182 has resumed music-making. Their sixth studio album, “Neighborhoods,” is dated from release on Sept. 27. Their first single, “Up All Night,” I believe, is worthy of being the best rock song for the summer of 2011.

For those familiar with the band’s older tunes, not too much has changed in regard to their style: catchy melodies with a punk-rock attitude. “Up All Night” has an enjoyable balance of vocal melodies with strong-hitting guitar riffs. Although Blink-182 has experimented with outer space themes in their songs before, “Up All Night” makes you feel as if you are floating around inside of an alien spaceship.

Am I biased in favor toward the band? Yes. Even though I enjoy Blink-182’s music, own their documentaries, and my car’s license plate is personalized with “182,” I believe these soundwaves have established credibility for entering your eardrums.

Any disagreements? Visit this article online.



All the Right Moves performing at UW-Stout’s Backyard Bash.

Rose Meier/Stoutonia



# Video Game Recommendations | "Catherine"

Hassan Javiad  
Staff Writer

Adult relationships, infidelity and finding your place in society are hardly the sort of topics you'd expect a video game to tackle. This past summer's video game, "Catherine," by Japanese developer Team Persona, not only does just that but does it oh-so-well. "Catherine" may just be both the best the most unique game to come out this year.

In an industry of first-person shooters, role-playing games (RPGs) and action games, "Catherine" is an odd beast to describe. The phrase "there's nothing like it" is probably the most overused cliché to describe a game. For a game like "Catherine" though, it really is the only way to describe it. The game is a unique blend of Japanese visual novel games, RPGs, Japanese dating simulators and, quite oddly, platforming, puzzle and action games. There really is nothing like it and that is reason enough to perk one's curiosity.

"Catherine" is a mash-up of some of the most obscure genres in video games. Beyond the excellent gameplay, the game has a story that will probably be the major drawing point for many gamers. "Catherine" features perhaps one of the most mature stories in a video game to come out in recent memory. The game manages to tackle topics like relationships, marriage and infidelity without bringing any immature nudity or skin service that plagues even some of the best of games.

While "Catherine" touches on some really sensitive subject matter, it's the very relatable characters, the immersive world and the joy of playing Vincent, the main character, that really brings the experience to an all-new level. The game has you play as Vincent Brooks, a 28-year-old male with a standard programming job who is in a long-term relationship with a girl named Katherine (yes spelled with a "K," not a "C"). Katherine is the nice but domineering girlfriend who is pressuring Vincent to settle down and get hitched. As Vincent struggles to take the next step and get married, along comes another very attractive girl named Catherine, who begins hitting on him. A drunken night at the bar and a meeting with Catherine leads from one thing to another, and pretty soon things wind up ugly as Vincent wakes up by her the next day.

As Vincent deals with the harsh reality of his recent infidelity, he begins experiencing intense nightmares that make for the game's puzzle/

platforming/action sequences. Every night as Vincent goes to bed, he has to climb various areas by stacking different blocks and lining them up to form a path and make it to the top. These segments are quick, intense and can be extremely difficult.

The well-done and addictive nature of the gameplay ensures that you retry just one more time (over and over again). The game does get progressively more difficult as well, keeping the experience fresh. It adds new block types, traps and even boss fights where huge monsters chase you as you attempt to ascend toward your escape.

The puzzle gameplay is difficult and sometimes even frustrating, but it's designed so well that you really feel compelled to finish each level and gain an awesome sense of accomplishment when you do. It's also not strange to find yourself going over to the game's multiplayer modes. Here, you can team up with a friend and either compete or cooperate to climb the various towers that the game throws at you after you're done with the main single-player mode.

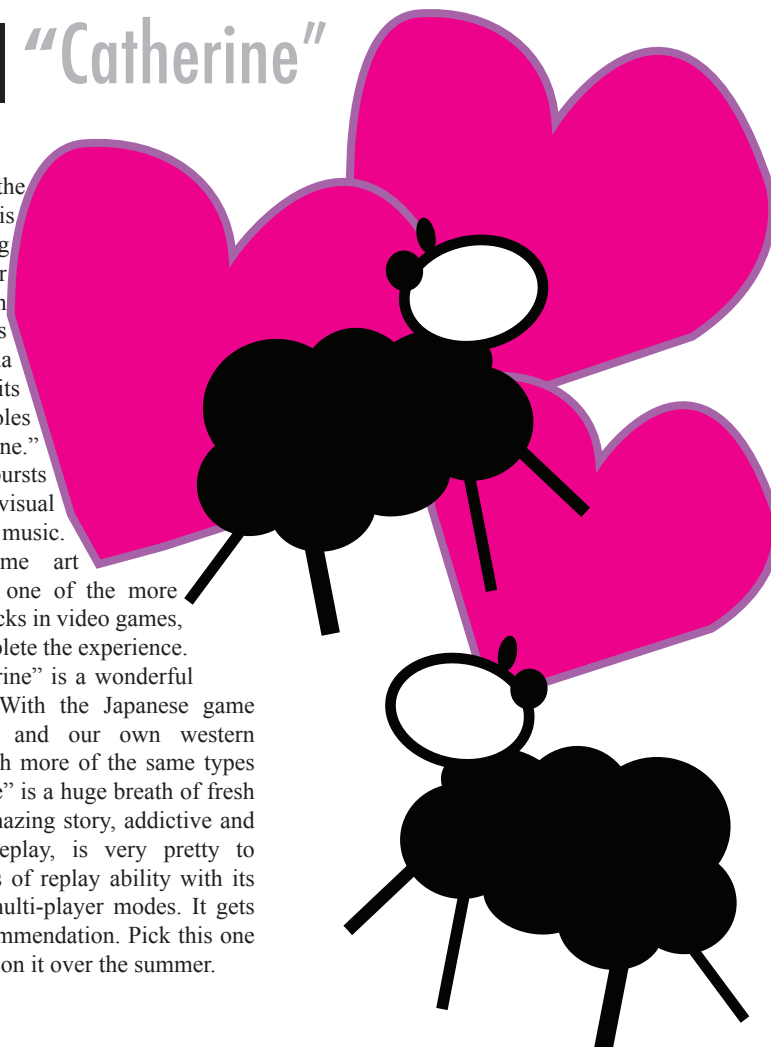
The other half of the game has you play as Vincent during the day and leads into the more visual, novel/dating sim aspect of the experience. Here you control Vincent and have various dialogue choices and interactions that eventually determine which of the game's eight endings you get. Each choice affects your karma meter and skews a needle toward either pink or blue (chaos or order, respectively). The great thing about the choices in the game is that they aren't very black and white. The game will really have you thinking and questioning yourself as you dive deep and examine your own morals.

One of the best things about the game is how difficult and complicated these choices can be. The game takes the choice element a step further by adding in a cell phone texting mechanic. Vincent generally spends most of his evenings in a bar called the "Stray Sheep" where he drinks and passes the night away with friends. During his time at the bar before bed, Vincent ends up getting text messages from either of the two girls, Catherine or Katherine. The game lets you choose, sentence-by-sentence, how you reply to these texts, and these in turn affect your karma meter as well. All of these elements make for one hell of an immersive experience that really turns you into the character you're playing.

A pressing concern, then, is whether all of these different aspects mesh together properly or not. "Catherine" features some really deep and intense gameplay experiences, very different from one another, but it is the context of its narrative and story that really helps each section flow into and build of the other. The result is a very unique and highly cohesive experience that will enthrall anyone who plays it.

To match the amazing gameplay is the equally amazing presentation for the game. Team Persona, famous for their Persona RPGs, makes its debut on HD consoles with "Catherine." The game really bursts with its unique visual style and amazing music. The Japanese anime art style, coupled with one of the more memorable soundtracks in video games, serves to really complete the experience.

All in all, "Catherine" is a wonderful and unique game. With the Japanese game industry stagnating and our own western industry trickled with more of the same types of games, "Catherine" is a huge breath of fresh air. It features an amazing story, addictive and mind-numbing gameplay, is very pretty to look at and has tons of replay ability with its eight endings and multi-player modes. It gets a wholehearted recommendation. Pick this one up if you missed out on it over the summer.





# Yeshuapolooza 2011

## A Free College Block Party

Rose Meier  
Entertainment Editor

Yeshuapolooza is celebrating its 14th year as an annual free college block party with music, food and giveaways. The event is hosted by Street Level Ministries, a University of Wisconsin-Stout organization.

Prizes, henna tattoos and T-shirt screen-printing is also provided for entertainment. Barbecue chicken, soda drinks, espresso and coffee will be served at the event.

### Music Lineup

Zoo Animal (grunge / pop / minimalist)  
Listener (indie / progressive)  
The Unfortunate (jazz / soul)  
The Rendition (indie rock)  
Triple Stitch (punk rock)  
Max Simmons (indie / acoustic)

### Exciting Features

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Henna tattoos

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Time: 2 - 10:30 p.m.

The Unfortunate



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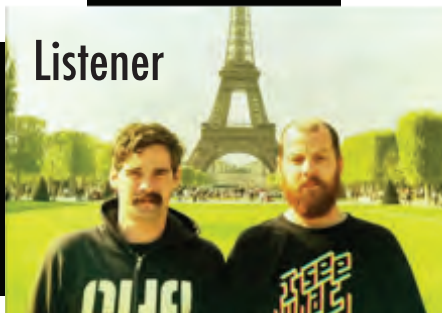
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Listener



# The SKINNY

Upcoming Events:

Live music by Beacon  
James  
Friday, September 9  
from 7-9 p.m.  
Sunken Lounge  
The Raw Deal  
FREE

Live music by Listener  
Saturday, September 10  
@ 2 p.m.  
Yeshuapolooza College Block  
Party @ Johnson Field  
House. UW-Stout

DJ SpinStAr  
(from FauxTrax)  
September 9-10  
@ 10 p.m.  
The Flame  
FREE

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Morning  
Thursday, September 16  
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Log Jam  
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Thursday, September 22  
from 6:30-9 p.m.  
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Zoo Animal





# Finnish Student Becomes a Blue Devil

**Morgan Pfaller**  
*Sports Editor*

Antti Kurenniemi, a freshman at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, made one of the biggest commutes to come play football for the UW-Stout Blue Devils. Kurenniemi's hometown is Tampere, a city of 200,000 people in southern Finland. This exchange student, who is a mechanical engineering major, is currently a cornerback for the Blue Devils.

"Football was the key factor that made me want to do my student exchange in the States," said Kurenniemi. "My school [Tampere University of Applied Sciences] has a student exchange with two schools in the United States. Most of my friends wanted to study abroad in places like Malaysia, Thailand or Spain, where the weather is warm and the beer is cheap," Kurenniemi said, thinking about his friends from home and how he was the one interested in Wisconsin. "I liked football enough to give up drinking beer on the beach. I wanted a challenge and I chose fall camp for football practice, which is how I came to America...or Menomonie, Wisconsin more specifically."

When asked about Wisconsin's brutal weather compared to the climate in Finland, Kurenniemi is positive he can handle the tough winter that awaits him. "The weather is very similar and all of the seasons are the same, except summers are cooler back home than in Wisconsin," said Kurenniemi.

He got his first inside look at American football while watching the 2005 Super Bowl between the New England Patriots and Philadelphia Eagles on television. Hockey, which Kurenniemi played for 17 years, is a popular sport in Finland. He soon realized it was time to trade in his hockey stick for football pads.

"I started playing hockey at a very young age, but I didn't feel I was talented at it," Kurenniemi said. Three years ago he decided to give football a try and suited up for his hometown team, the Tampere Saints. He played for the Saints for two years as a running back. "I found the game so fascinating," said Kurenniemi. "There is a tactical side that is more complex than where I was playing hockey. Both sports are contact sports, and I enjoy that."

Kurenniemi began playing as a cornerback, after an injury on the defense team called for a switch in the lineup. The Saints were members of Finland's top tier of eight teams for two seasons, but due to injuries the team was dropped a couple of competition levels. Kurenniemi wanted to keep playing top-tier football and traveled 200 miles to his father's hometown to continue playing. That's when he began playing for the Rajaritarit (Border Knights) from Lappeenranta, Finland.

"I wanted to keep playing at the top level," Kurenniemi said. "There are three levels of American football in Finland, and I played nine games this past spring and summer for the Border Knights before I traveled to the United States."

As a student at Tampere University he applied to the study abroad program, and had two choices of schools to attend: Bemidji State University or UW-Stout. "UW-Stout was my first choice, and I couldn't be any happier when I found out I was assigned to Wisconsin," Kurenniemi said.

"I got into school first, then pursued the football program," Kurenniemi said. After being accepted as a student at UW-Stout, he then contacted football coach Clayt Birmingham to look into becoming a Blue Devil. Although football is Kurenniemi's passion, school is his first priority. He plans to take some classes in industrial management, a few physical education classes and some American history classes.

Kurenniemi is fluent in English. "I am pleased with my own progression, but I have a lot to learn," Kurenniemi said. "I have learned so much that I haven't been able to translate everything to the field. The pace of the game is faster here, and there is competition for every position. Here there is actually a second string, third string, fourth string. At home, everyone who wants to get in [to the game] does."

When asked about the season so far, Kurenniemi feels things couldn't be better. "I couldn't be more excited about everything here so far. I get along great with my new teammates and all the coaches and everybody. I think we have an exceptionally good team spirit and I think we have a very good team this year. I didn't expect to play," Kurenniemi said. "I am just happy to get an opportunity to practice. I have done much better than I expected."

Look for Antti Kurenniemi and the rest of the Blue Devils out on the field this Saturday at Jamestown College.



Antti Kurenniemi playing for Tampere University. Antti Kurenniemi/Contributed photo



# New Coach for the Women's Soccer Team

**Morgan Pfaller**  
*Sports Editor*

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's soccer team won the season opener on Friday, Sept. 2nd, but this isn't the only thing they're celebrating. The team also has a new soccer coach leading the team. First-year coach Ryan Raufus is ready to lead the girls into a successful 2011 soccer season.

Raufus started with the Blue Devils in the spring and had the opportunity to get familiar with his return players before the fall season began. The Blue Devils have a promising team this year with three of the top leading scorers returning. "The biggest thing for us is for someone to step up and score some goals this year," Raufus said. "We need that goal scorer."

Returning as leading scorers are midfielders Grace Salwasser, a senior from Cottage Grove, Minn., Jesse Lankford, a sophomore from Cedar Falls, Iowa, and defender Courtney Tideman, a senior from Sartell, Minn. The Blue

Devils finished 7:11:1 last season and scored 44 goals, the highest in team history. UW-Stout ranked third in the league in goals scored but finished eighth in league play.

Raufus was the head coach for the girls' soccer program at the high school LaCrescent, Minn. for the past seven years. Rufus has also been the head coach for the girls' soccer program at La Crosse Logan High School for the past nine years. During the summers, Raufus worked with both boys' and girls' youth teams through the Coulee Region Minnesota Soccer Club. Raufus has also worked soccer camps and clinics at Viterbo University.

Raufus is a native of Oconomowoc, Wis. He earned his bachelor's degree in 1999 from Springfield College in Massachusetts in athletic training and was also a member of the varsity soccer program. He returned to Wisconsin to obtain his teaching certification in school health education from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in 2002 and earned his master's degree in physical education from UW-La Crosse in 2010.

Raufus will be assisted by Chris Reardon, who is beginning his second season with the Blue Devils. Raufus is the fourth head coach in UW-Stout women's soccer history.

The athletes won its first game on Friday, Sept. 2. The Blue Devils took on Gustavus Adolphus College in both team's season opener.

After a scoreless first half, Lankford took a pass from Kayla Seivert, a sophomore from Farmington, Minn. and scored from the left side in the 50th minute. A few minutes later, Tideman scored when she headed in a pass from Taylor Kizlik, a freshman from Hammond, Wis. for a 2-0 score in the Blue Devils' favor.

UW-Stout's defense only allowed six shots throughout the entire game as goalie Robbie Shelby, a freshman from La Crosse, Wis. posted the shutout by stopping all shots. The Blue Devils' offense was able to get the ball past Gustavus' goalie, Jessica Richart.

The UW-Stout Blue Devils will return to the field on Wednesday, Sept. 7 when they open at home against Viterbo University at 7 p.m.

"The biggest thing for us is for someone to step up and score some goals this year. We need that goal scorer."

-Ryan Raufus

## What 2 Watch 4



### upcoming sporting events

- **September 9:**
  - Women's volleyball vs. Luther College in St. Paul, MN at 3:00 p.m.
  - Women's volleyball at College of St. Catherine at 7:00 p.m.
- **September 10:**
  - Football at Jamestown College (N.D.) at 1:00 p.m.
  - Women's volleyball vs. Bethany Lutheran College in St. Paul, MN at 10:00 a.m.
  - Cross country at Lutheran All-American Invite
  - Women's cross country - 11:20 a.m.
  - Men's cross country - 11:50 a.m.
  - Women's volleyball vs. Macalester College in St. Paul, MN at 2:00 p.m.
- **September 11:**
  - Women's soccer vs. North Park University at 2:00 p.m.
- **September 14:**
  - Women's soccer at UW-Stout River Falls at 4:00 p.m.
- **September 15:**
  - Women's tennis at UW-Eau Claire at 3:30 p.m.
- **September 16:**
  - Women's volleyball vs. Waldorf College in River Falls, WI at 7:00 p.m.
- **September 17:**
  - Women's volleyball vs. Hamline University in River Falls, WI at 10:30 a.m.
  - Women's soccer at UW-Superior at 3:00 p.m.
  - Men's Golf at St. John's Fall Invite at 10:00 a.m.



# Blue Devil SCOREBOARD



Blue Devil Football

The University of Wisconsin-Stout won over NCAA Division II Black Hills State University at the Don and Nona Williams Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 1. The Blue Devils ran the ball 41 times for 146 yards and completed 13 passes for 176 yards. UW-Stout's defense stopped the Yellow Jackets twice from scoring. Jordan Peterson, a senior from Cedar Grove, Wis. went for 20 yards to the five-yard line. Brown carried the ball in on the next play for his first Blue Devil score. The Blue Devils finished with 322 total yards, 146 by rushing, 176 in the air.

Next game: UW-Stout will travel to Jamestown College Saturday, Sept. 10.



Blue Devil Volleyball

The University of Wisconsin-Stout volleyball team defeated Whitworth College in an extended first game but ended up losing in the final match of the University of Puget Sound Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 1. Junior Hope Weilage from Marshall, Minn. finished with six kills, and Karley Wiensch from Cadott, Wis. had five kills and 14 assists. Earlier in the day, the Blue Devils lost 25-9, 25-15, 25-21. The team had limited kills, but Weilage and Katie, Mikutowski, a junior from Stillwater, Minn. each got four.

Next Game: UW-Stout will be at the St. Catherine tournament Sept. 9-10.



Women's Golf

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's golf team placed 14th in the Doug Georgianni Fall Invitational at Wild Ridge Golf Club on Sunday, Sept. 4. Kitty Nicastro, a senior from Mondovi, Wis. and Mariah Chelsey, a freshman from Mankato, Minn. shaved off a few strokes to help the Blue Devils move up a couple of spots during the final day of the tournament. Nicastro took off four strokes from her first day's score of 88 to finish with a two-day mark of 172, placing her in 31st in the 122-player field. Chelsey carried a 90 on day two, one stroke better than her first day, and tied for 62nd.

Next game: The Blue Devils women's golf team will be at the Wartburg Invitational Sept. 10-11.

## Promising Start for the Women's Tennis Team

**Morgan Pfaller**  
*Sports Editor*

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's tennis team picked up its first win of the season. Abby Werwie, a junior from Kenosha, Wis. stayed perfect at No. 1 singles on Monday, Sept. 5, as the Blue Devils participated in a pair of matches at the University of Dubuque.

Werwie paced the Blue Devils, leading the 8-1 rout over host, Dubuque, with a 6-1, 6-2 win at No. 1 singles over the Spartans' Nichole Schmaltz. Stephanie Schick, a senior from Altoona, Wis. won at No. 2 singles 6-3, 1-6, 10-4. Emily Grossen, a sophomore from Monroe, Wis. won at No. 4 singles 6-2, 6-2, and Sammie Swanson, a sophomore from Eau Claire, Wis. posted the same score at No. 5 singles. Elizabeth Lehnertz, a sophomore from Cary, Ill. breezed through No. 6 singles, dropping only one set, 6-0, 6-1.

In the doubles match, Werwie combined with Katie Sorenson, a junior from Neenah, Wis. at No. 1 doubles to Schmaltz and Heather Wason, 8-0. Grossen and Swanson won at No. 2 doubles 8-3, while Lehnertz and Jenna Heilman, a freshman from Lake Mills, won at No. 3 doubles 8-5.

After taking on Dubuque, the Blue Devils traveled to St. Ambrose, 6-3. Grossen defeated Staci Kapinus at No. 4 singles 6-3, 6-1 and Lehnertz won at No. 5 singles over Karissa Kalous 6-1, 6-2. Sorenson suffered a pair of losses at No. 3 singles against Heather Matejka 6-7, 6-1, 10-3.

On Sept. 3, Werwie snagged UW-Stout's only win, as the Blue Devils were previously defeated by Beloit College. After dropping the first set, Werwie battled back for a 4-6, 6-4, 10-5 win over Courtney Yates at No. 1 singles.

The Blue Devils already have a promising start to the 2011 tennis season. On Wednesday they opened the WIAC (Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) play by hosting UW-River Falls at the south tennis courts.

Be sure to catch the Blue Devils in action on Thursday, Sept. 15 at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire at 3:30 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 17 at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at noon.

**Blue Devils will play UW-Eau Claire on Thursday, Sept. 15**

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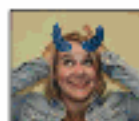
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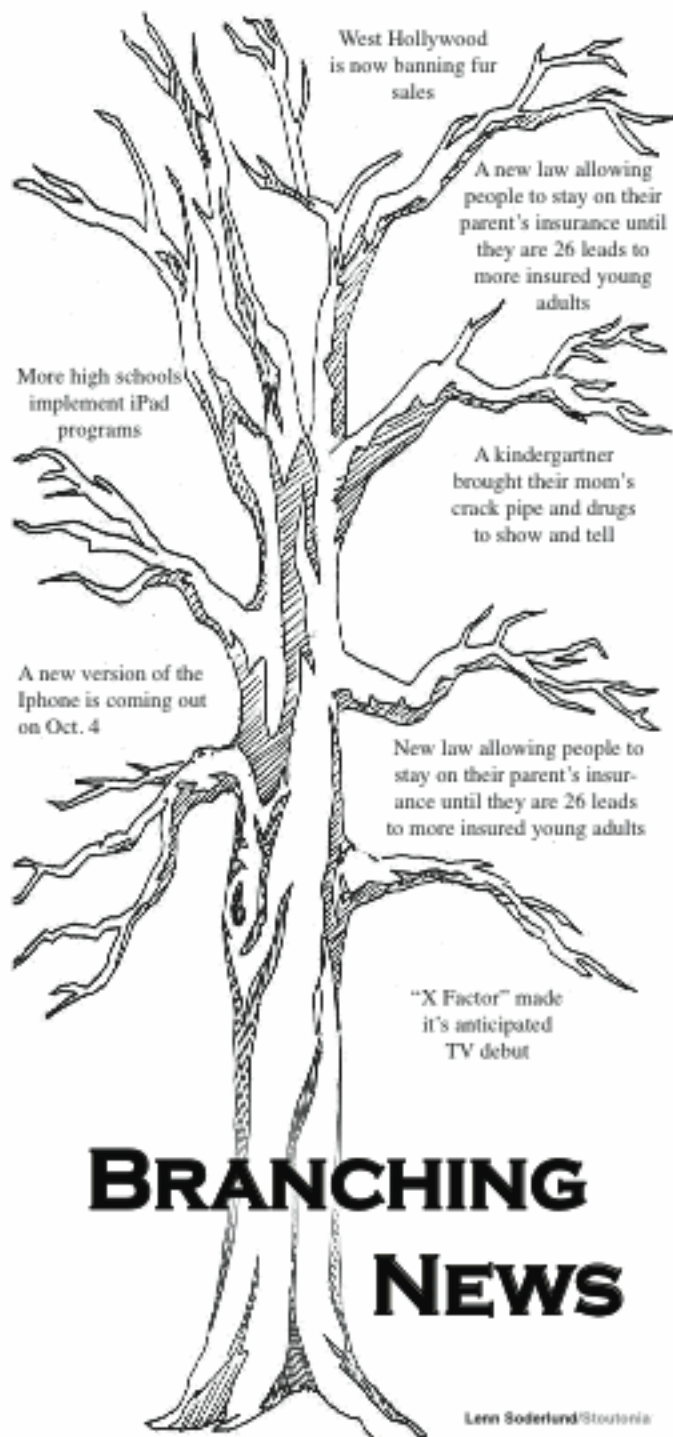
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Lauren Seering  
Editor-in-Chief

## ~~Smooth~~ CRIMINALS

Tales of stupidity  
from Menomonie

### Citations Issued Sept. 22-Oct. 5

#### Underage Drinking

First offense: 20  
Second offense: 2  
Third offense: 0

#### Other Offenses

Possession of marijuana: 2  
Possession of drug paraphernalia: 5  
Possession of drug paraphernalia (criminal charge): 2  
Disorderly conduct: 2  
Failure to evacuate for fire alarm: 11  
Possession of synthetic cannabinoids: 2

#### Hairspray Fire Alarm

The fire department was dispatched for a fire alarm in one of the on-campus residence halls. When police arrived on the scene, the overwhelming smell of hairspray caught their attention. A student, while blow-drying their hair, accidentally sprayed hair products directly at the smoke detector. Maybe open a window next time?

#### Too Bruke for ER

A police officer was sent to check on a student who was apparently breaking out into hives. The student was frantically scratching and turning red. The officer attempted to persuade the student to take an ambulance but finally drove the student to the emergency room. What an odd "first time in the back of a cop car" story.

#### How Awesome of You

A student accidentally left not only their jacket and room keys in an empty

classroom, but also their 80 GB iPod. Items were returned to police shortly after an anonymous student found them. Talk about doing your good deed for the day.

#### Bike Permits...?

Police recently discovered a bike with a UW-Stout parking permit. The police were unsure to whom the permit was issued to because UW-Stout has never created permits for bikes. It makes you wonder who told that student they needed a bike permit in the first place.

#### A Suspicious Message

A student reported to the police that there was a suspicious message left on their voicemail. The message spoke of Donald Trump and fat people. Since no threats were evident, the police let it go at that. Next time you get a prank call, report it.

#### High-Value Stolen Goods

Some people are kleptomaniacs, some are just idiots. Police were dispatched to a men's bathroom on reports that two toilet paper dispensers had been ripped right out of the stalls and stolen. Dude—that was the most original prank ever.

#### Cologne de Stout

Four suspects wearing dress shirts and ties were caught handing out free samples of cologne. Police pulled over these perpetrators, informing them that all vendors need permits to sell products on campus. They were nabbed with pamphlets and coupons. Walley World.



# Annual Run/Walk taking place Homecoming Week

Jennifer Huynh  
Staff Writer

The Blue Devils Run/Walk will take place on Oct. 1. Anoop Balachandran, who helped coordinate the Blue Devils Run/Walk, gave us further insight on this upcoming event.

For individuals who are wondering which race to participate in, the 5k is the shortest at 3.1 miles. Also offered is the 10k, which is equivalent to 6.2 miles.

"We would like some healthy competition, but we always think you should compete against yourself and not others," said Balachandran. "Internal motivation is always better and longer lasting than external motivation."

Besides racing friends as an ego boost, the event is offering special T-shirts this year with sweat-wicking capabilities. Even with in-

creased costs, participation fees have remained the same. In addition, there will be free sandwiches and refreshments for the food-savvy participants who dread the run or walk.

The Blue Devils Run/Walk is not limited to just UW-Stout students. It is also open to faculty, staff and the community, so participants can bring other friends and family to join in, as well.

"I love to see everyone getting together to take pictures with their friends, family, and kids and having a great time at the day of the race," said Balachandran. "I love to know that I am contributing something to the community and the students to keep them active and healthy."

University Recreation and The UW-Stout Running Club created this event to promote a healthier environment for the UW-Stout homecoming weekend. "I always think when one person commits to the race, he is motivating his

friends, family, kids and a lot more people to be healthy than just himself," Balachandran said.

Keeping up with a large number of runners requires a lot of coordination. "Since we have two races, it makes the whole process of collecting bibs and sorting the scores correctly a bit difficult," Balachandran said. This year, the event includes an automatic timing system which will simplify race day. It will cut the number of workers at the scoring section by about 15 people.

At the end of the race, there will be awards for the spirited first and second place winners for all the categories. The divisions consist of winners for the 5k and 10k, both for men and women. An overall winner for both races will also be awarded. Those participating in the walk are eligible for a certificate.

Last year, the Blue Devils Run/Walk attracted

about 190 participants. "We hope to have more this time," said Balachandran. Last year, the event date was later, which helped more participants hear about the event and register. To help with the short notice, however, the event is going through active.com, one of the largest online race communities for registrations.

Those who preregister will receive a \$5 discount and a free dry-wicking event T-shirt. Registration will be accepted at the Health & Fitness Center, room 53, on or before Wednesday, Sep. 21 to guarantee a T-shirt. Late registration forms will be accepted at the Health & Fitness Center through Thursday, Sep. 29. Race day registration will be available until 8:30 a.m. Parking is located in Lot 29 at the north end of the outdoor track (accessible off of 13th Ave). The race will begin on Third St. E. between the Sports & Fitness Center and the outdoor track.



The new track field at UW-Stout is shown.

Andrew Schneider/Stoutonia



# UW-Stout professor directs movie, "North Passage"

Susan LaRusso  
Staff Writer

Monomania may not be what comes to mind when you picture a movie premiere, but on Thursday, Sept. 14, the Raw Deal, a local restaurant, and University of Wisconsin-Stout art and design professor Kevin Pontati had a directorial debut trailer release of the upcoming independent film, "North Passage."

While the event showcased the creative team's talents, its main purpose was to bring exposure to the project and find support within the community. Pontati's creative team, a group of self-described West Coast transplants, includes his wife Mira French and friends Jay and Charis Collins.

The trailer is merely a taste of what Pontati and friends hope to be able to produce. The project needs additional financial support to

continue with filming, so the group has teamed with Indiegogo, an online international fundraising platform, to raise money for future production costs. However, the team is not simply looking for money.

"We really want to get community involvement," said Pontati. "If anyone wants to be an actor, extra or wants to help in any way, please sign up to volunteer."

Pontati spoke briefly to the full house about how the project began and future plans for a film.

"Last year we started brainstorming and came up with an idea that was of group interest," said Pontati. According to Pontati, the idea developed into an unorthodox coming of age story set in a post-civilization world. The heroine, played by Pontati's daughter, Tahala Pontati, escapes a worldwide economic meltdown by taking shelter on her survivalist grandfather's farm.

Following Pontati's words, the crowd gathered to catch the first glimpse of the project. The trailer, with a dark and suspenseful tone, kept the large audience silent during the two minutes. Applause erupted when the last image appeared: a blank, black screen with the words "North Passage 2012." The "2012" indicates Pontati's hopeful release date for the not-yet-filmed feature-length movie.

The director expressed how proud he was of how far the project has come so far.

Throughout the event guests enjoyed music by the trailer's composer, Jay Collins, signed up for raffle prizes and were able to view photographs and film clips from the project. Several attendees took home posters and artwork associated with the trailer.

To see the trailer and find out more about the project, visit <http://www.indiegogo.com/North-Passage>.



Visitors gather to watch North Passage trailer at Raw Deal

Liz Schultz / Stoutonia



# ICE: In Case of Emergency

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Editor-in-Chief

Even in smaller communities like Menomonie, emergency situations can arise without notice. When violent situations such as the Virginia Tech tragedy occur, it can be critical to instantly inform every student on campus. Because of this, the University of Wisconsin-Stout Police Department is working directly with the school to enact an emergency contact system known as FLASHBrief.

"This is the system we use for emergency email notifications," said Lisa Walter, the UW-Stout Chief of Police. "This has to be more than just an email, it has to be both passive and aggressive. Some students aren't on their email all day, and this has to be very timely."

The UW-Stout Police Department chose FLASHBrief because of their privacy policy. FLASHBrief is set up to send not only an email but also a text message directly to students' phones. People are more likely to have their phones on them than their laptops. Walter pressed that the student population should understand that their information will not be sold to any private corporations.

"When you have the software properly

installed on your laptop, if something like a tanker with a caustic substance were to spill on campus and we need students to stay away from that area because it could injure their lungs, we would send out an emergency notification," Walter said.

"A pop-up window will override whatever you are doing on your laptop, including [using the spreadsheet] Lockdown Browser," said Walter. "It will pop up in front of every other window. The only problem is that the new laptops that were given had a defect with the downloading process of FLASHBrief."

The police will be sending out an email to the 3,000 students who received new laptops. This email will include directions on how to download the software and how to add additional email addresses for spouses, partners and families.



**WHO:** All students with new UW-Stout issued laptops

**WHAT:** Log onto <https://www.uwstout.edu/mar> to download the

**WHY:** To download the new FLASHBrief program and add your phone number to its database.

**HOLD ON, WHY?:** If any violent or dangerous situation were to arise, notifications will be sent to notify your email but your cell phone, as well. This will be strictly used for emergency communications.

## Carry Concealed Weapon Law to take effect this November

Jessica Vaysberg  
News Editor

On Nov. 1, the Wisconsin Department of Justice will implement Act 35, a law signed by Governor Scott Walker allowing individuals to carry concealed weapons.

Chief of Police Lisa Walter does not believe that the new law will affect the safety of those on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus. "I don't view this bill to be a problem for UW-Stout safety," Walter said. "Some folks who get the permits are going to have some questions, like 'what can I do with this stuff?' I don't think it's going to change a majority of how we generally operate on campus."

In order to carry a concealed weapon, one must meet eligibility requirements and obtain a Carry Concealed Weapon license through the

Wisconsin Department of Justice.

"This doesn't allow just anybody. You can't just strap a gun on your belt and walk around the state," said Walter. "All the processes for the carry concealed permit include classes and a background check. It will also be a while before people can attain these permits."

There will be specific rules about where concealed weapons will and will not be permitted around campus. "Those individuals with carry concealed permits will be allowed to bring weapons to campus property," said Walter. "They will not be able to carry concealed weapons in buildings or other campus facilities where formal activities are going on. [This] includes all activities at the Don and Nora Williams stadium. No guns will be allowed at any time on that property." Signs will be posted around campus by Oct. 1.



### Fall Events Calendar

- 9/23 Shadow Revolution \$3
- 9/25 Not Quite Dead \$3
- 9/30 Natural Buildin'
- 10/2 A Night in a Box \$3
- 10/7 Krazy Belville and Friends
- 10/9 Starchitectsfeast featuring "The Elephant Gun Band" \$3
- 10/12 Beerbox \$5

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## An Old Tradition No More

Claire Mathiowetz  
Staff Writer

This year marks 100 years of football for the University of Wisconsin-Stout. As Homecoming Week approaches, there are many things that still hold tradition. Each year brings the football game, comedians, the Blue Devil Run/Walk and the coronation ceremony. Though many homecoming rituals are staying the same, there is one major change: the cancellation of the annual homecoming parade.

This is the first time in recent years since homecoming began that the parade has been cancelled. The first official homecoming was held March 30-31 in 1917. The celebration lasted two days, with a big party and dance on Friday night, followed by the annual football game on Saturday.

The parade is not the only homecoming tradition that has come and gone. Back in the 1920s they had bonfires, banquets and even a homecoming play. The parade was cancelled because of World War I and II, however, it has never been cancelled before due to students' behavior. A full history of UW-Stout's homecoming can be found at <http://www.uwstout.edu/history/homecoming.cfm>.

Chancellor Charles W. Sorenson, along with a leadership team, took initiative to call off the parade this year due to recent student behavior. "The parade has been rather embarrassing to

the community and to the campus," said Chancellor Sorenson. "There were even instances of bad behavior in the parade itself. If we have the parade, it has got to be the correct character of the campus, and lately [it] hasn't been."

Phil Lyons, the assistant vice chancellor for student life services, also helped make the decision. It was decided that the parade may eventually be reinstated if student behavior improves. "I just think that if we spend a little bit more time preparing, we could put a parade out there that has something to offer everyone," Lyons said. He went on to say that for the 2012 parade they are looking to have the high school band, the UW-Stout band, more community support and more student organization participation. Lyons is aiming to make the next parade an event that is better than the parades from 10 years ago.

"The student body really has to decide if they want a parade or not," said Sorenson. "It should be a celebration of homecoming and the campus, and that's what it needs to return to."

Besides the parade, the regular homecoming events are still underway. Homecoming Week starts Sept. 26 and ends with a football game against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire on Oct. 1. The theme this year is Peace, Love & Stout and will be put on by Blue Devil Productions. More information on the homecoming entertainment can be found at <http://blp.uwstout.edu>.

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10/5 Dutch Oven Cooking Basics

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10/1 Blue Devil Run/Walk

### INTRAMURAL SPORTS - 41 Sports & Fitness Center (232-1392)

9/20 IM Block 1 Leagues begin play  
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## Understanding the public intoxication ordinance

Maxwell Perkins

Contributing Writer

On April 18, 2011, the city of Menomonie approved the public intoxication ordinance. Now that it is in place, many University of Wisconsin-Stout students are wondering what kind of effect the new ordinance will have. In addition to questions, there has also been a fair deal of misrepresentation and false interpretation of the ordinance. The misunderstandings surrounding the ordinance are understandable, and it is my hope that this article will eliminate the misinformation by simply providing facts.

It is important that students understand that this ordinance does not give officers free reign to cite someone who is simply intoxicated in public. The new public intoxication ordinance addresses the behavior of the individual rather than his or her blood alcohol content level. This is not a proactive ordinance; it is a reactive ordinance.

I have overheard numerous students stating that you can, and will, get a citation for walking home while being legally intoxicated. I would like to clarify that this is not how the ordinance will be used.

The writing of a citation would occur if you were passed out, unresponsive in a public place, fighting or creating a serious public disturbance. The cost of the first ticket is \$389.50 and \$641.50 for subsequent citations within a year's time. It is important to note that the majority of students do not engage in any of the previously mentioned behavior.

Ultimately, it comes down to individual behavior. This ordinance is not meant as a cure-all, but rather its intent is to help protect the safety, health and welfare of individuals and the community. This is an ordinance that we should all be able to get behind. It is important that we look after ourselves and one another so that we can all have a safe, productive and fun semester.

If you are someone who chooses to drink and act respectfully and responsibly, feel free to continue to do so. If you are someone who is thinking of adjusting your drinking habits and are looking for some help with strategies, the on-campus Counseling Center is a free resource for students. If you need help, you can reach them at (715) 232-2468 or counseling@uwstout.edu.



## More advice... (Part II)

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Opinions Editor

This article is the continuation of "Your College Career Isn't Going to be Unicorns and Rainbow-Colored Cockatiels" (you can probably guess why I shortened the title). If you missed Part I, you can find it online at [www.Stoutonia-Online.com](http://www.Stoutonia-Online.com).

### Learn to effectively budget your money

College students are notorious for being poor. Obviously, this is because we have to devote most of our time to school instead of making money (I envy those who are able to work full time while attending school). However, there is an upside to being poor: you learn how to manage your money.

There is a breadth of information online about how to develop a budget, so I won't go into it here. If you prefer, the University of

Wisconsin-Stout offers a course in personal finance. Either way, the important thing is to remember to develop good financial habits now. You don't want to be sent off into the "real world" without understanding the basics of money management.

### Understand the importance of setting goals

It might be an overused mantra, but there is truth to the statement "You can't hit a target that you can't see." If you don't clearly define how you are going to accomplish important tasks in your life, you'll likely become discouraged and discontinue pursuing them.

Remember to divide your long-term goals into bite-sized tasks. Let's say you want to learn a new language. It seems like a daunting task, but if you were to devote an hour to it each day, you would have 365 hours of

learning accumulated over the course of a year. As the ancient Chinese proverb states, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with one small step."

### Don't be intimidated by "difficult" classes

As I stated in Part I, it can be trying to break out of your comfort zone. This can be especially true when you want to decide which courses to take or even which major you want to declare.

If you hate math, computer programming probably isn't for you. However, if you really want to be a computer programmer but are concerned that the math will be too difficult, don't worry; that's why you're in school. You'll be surprised at how much you can learn if you put in the effort. Half of the battle is not falling behind in class (this is especially true for math).

### Get in the habit of waking up early

Most students avoid 8 a.m. classes like the

plague, a venomous spider or a rabid dog. Trust me, I used to, too. Once you pack your schedule with morning classes, however, you realize something amazing: you have a lot more time to get things done! There's something pleasantly satisfying about being finished with classes by noon.

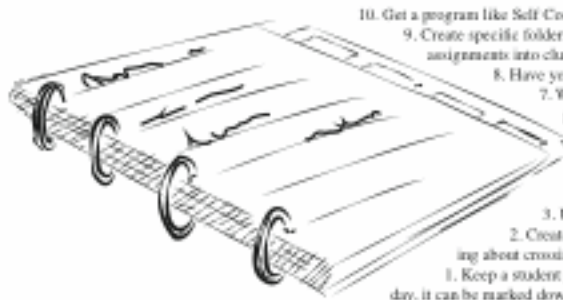
The best advice I can give you is this: experience as much as possible during your college years, take risks and don't be afraid of failure. You're going to learn a lot more outside of the classroom than in it, so don't hesitate to try new things, meet new people and expand your comfort zone.

## 10 Tips for Staying Organized During College

Lauryn Seering

Editor-in-Chief

When you are a college student, you can often be hustling between part-time jobs and class. This hectic schedule makes it easy to forget things like homework assignments and when to turn in rent. Here are 10 tips for staying organized.



10. Get a program like Self Control for Macs, so you can turn off Facebook or other distracting websites while you are trying to focus on homework.

9. Create specific folders for classes on your computer. Always properly name your documents so you can easily find them later. Organize assignments into clusters so you have everything together.

8. Have your work schedule posted in your student planner or on a calendar.

7. Work fun time in your schedule. If you are overworking yourself, your brain will literally melt. Check out a movie or go bowling. Have fun, but not too much fun, with your college experience.

6. Test yourself to remember important thoughts.

5. Download a free notebook program like Evernote; that way, you can have all of your class notes in one place. Need to write it on paper instead? Type out your notes afterward for better retention.

4. Highlight quizzes and exams on your syllabus.

3. Use Post-its on Windows or Stickies on Macs to have main assignments always listed on your computer.

2. Create lists while you study. What do you have to do? It may look overwhelming at first, but there is something so satisfying about crossing something off a list.

1. Keep a student planner. I cannot say how critical this is. Any time a professor mentions a due date, any small appointment or birthday, it can be marked down.

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1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #6	\$235	\$235	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #7	\$240	\$240	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR
1	1	203 1/2 3rd Street East #1	\$270	\$270	Studio, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A
1	1	113 West Main Street #1	\$300	\$300	Large studio, close to campus and downtown, parking	3
1	1	402 1/2 Main Street #1	\$300	\$300	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great view	6
1	1	703 4th Street #1	\$305	\$305	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, downtown	6
1	1	1302 1st St. Street #1	\$325	\$325	Spacious apt, great location, large front porch and storage	C
1	1	113 1/2 West Main Street	\$330	\$330	Nice large apartment, close to campus and downtown	3
1	1	802 8th Avenue #1	\$330	\$330	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6
1	1	802 8th Avenue #2	\$340	\$340	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #2	\$340	\$340	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A
1	1	1203 1st 14th Avenue East	\$350	\$350	Upper duplex, good-size rooms, off-street parking	C
1	1	802 8th Avenue #3	\$350	\$350	Nice-sized efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6
1	1	402 1/2 Main Street #2	\$360	\$360	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	6
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1	1	402 1/2 Main Street #4	\$360	\$360	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, great apt	6
1	1	1221 7th Street #1	\$365	\$365	Very large, nice, hardwood floors, incl WSG, heat, parking	4
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1	1	802 Wilson Avenue #6	\$445	\$445	Clean efficiency w/ kitchen & bathroom, includes util. & parking	3
1	1	802 Wilson Avenue #7	\$445	\$445	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, off-street entrance	3
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #5	\$445	\$445	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, close to campus	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #6	\$445	\$445	Studio, includes WSG, heat & parking, close to campus	A
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	\$455	\$455	Nice apt. a/lux flooring & parking, WSG, HW & heat incl	6
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #1	\$455	\$455	Clean, modern w/ parking, includes WSG & heat	A
1	1	401 Wilson Avenue #4	\$465	\$465	Nice, good clean apt w/ parking, WSG, HW & heat, included	6
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	\$475	\$475	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$485	\$485	Nice large apt incl WSG & heat, close to campus, parking	A
1	1	802 Wilson Avenue #7	\$485	\$485	Nice large apt, includes utilities, parking, off-street entrance	3
1	1	333 1st Main Street #1	\$495	\$495	Large, desirable downtown apt, includes WSG & heat	A
1	1	333 1st Main Street #2	\$495	\$495	Large, desirable downtown apt, includes WSG & heat	A
1	1	802 Wilson Avenue #8	\$555	\$555	Partial 2 apartment, includes utilities & parking	3
2	1	113 West Main Street #2	\$580	\$180	Close to campus and downtown, basement storage	3
2	1	113 West Main Street	\$585	\$183	Close to campus and downtown, some upgrades	3
2	1	113 West Main Street	\$575	\$188	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	3
2	1	1003 1st Avenue East	\$610	\$210	Large lower duplex, good sized rooms, off-street parking	C
2	1	1302 1st Street #1	\$625	\$215	Large rooms, enclosed front porch, storage, large yard	C
2	1	1218 1st Street #1	\$640	\$220	Lower duplex w/ washer & dryer, parking, close to campus	C
2	1	2121 5th Street #A	\$650	\$225	Tons of storage, lots of built-in, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4
2	1	2121 5th Street #B	\$650	\$225	Tons of storage, lots of built-in, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4
2	1	1003 1st 7th Street #1	\$670	\$230	Nice apartment, new carpet, washer/dryer, dining	C
2	1	619 13th Avenue E	\$475	\$238	Incl. heat, WSG, hot water, steel apt local w/ parking	4
2	1	1311 1st South Broadway	\$475	\$238	Nice apt. across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	C
2	1	619 1st 13th Avenue E	\$485	\$243	Nice-sized rooms, great location, WSG, heat & HW incl	4
2	1	1415 4th Street West	\$490	\$245	Apartment w/ garage/parking, good location, nice carpet	C
2	1	414 1st 13th Avenue West	\$490	\$245	Large apt. nice sized rooms, parking, lawn care included	C



B#	B#	Address	Entire Unit	Per Person	Property Notes	Type
2	1	226 12th Avenue West	\$220	\$290	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, new paint, parking	D
2	1	1021 12th Street E	\$215	\$250	New, large apt. porch, WSG, heat, HW & parking included	4
2	1	220 12th Avenue E	\$225	\$260	Upper duplex, very nice, large rooms & closets, parking	D
2	1	1502 12th Street E	\$225	\$260	Old house, new carpet, den, garage, behind corner's	H
2	1	1207 South Broadway	\$225	\$275	Nice house, recently renovated, W/D, parking, great location	11
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #1	\$225	\$280	Cute apt, private entrance, parking, heat, WSG & HW incl.	5
2	1	552 6th Avenue #0	\$225	\$290	New apartment, large rooms, utilities & parking included	5
2	1	147 12th Main Street #0	\$225	\$290	Large, very nice, new carpet, W/D in bldg, includes WSG	A
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #2	\$225	\$295	Ground level apt, large rooms, parking, heat, WSG & incl.	5
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	\$225	\$295	Nice, good-sized apt w/ parking, WSG, HW & heat included	5
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #5	\$225	\$300	Great apt, new shower, parking, WSG, HW & heat included	5
2	1	552 6th Avenue #5	\$225	\$290	Great apartment, huge rooms, includes utilities & parking	5
3	1	2275 12th Street E	\$425	\$142	Lower duplex, good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	110 West Main Street #3	\$550	\$185	Nice apt, good-sized rooms, close to campus & downtown	3
3	1	1241 South Broadway	\$225	\$105	Nice house, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	2275 12th Street E	\$225	\$200	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, W/D hook-ups, parking	D
3	1	220 12th Avenue West	\$225	\$210	Large lower duplex, washer/dryer, parking, great location	D
3	1	220 12th Avenue West	\$225	\$210	Upper duplex, incl. W/D, off-street parking, great location	D
3	1	221 12th Avenue West	\$225	\$225	Great location, washer/dryer, off-street parking, nice yard	11
3	1	552 6th Avenue #4	\$225	\$225	New apt, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A
3	1	147 12th Main Street #B	\$225	\$225	Nice rooms & shower, includes WSG, laundry in building	A
3	1	1415 12th Street West	\$225	\$225	Nice apartment, new flooring, washer/dryer, garage	D
3	1	214 12th Street E	\$225	\$225	Upper duplex, recently renovated, large rooms, very nice	D
3	1	215 12th Avenue West	\$225	\$230	Large lower duplex, washer/dryer, large rooms, parking	D
3	1	1050 7th Street E	\$225	\$240	Nice, lower duplex, hardwood floor, new siding, parking	D
3	1	414 12th Avenue West	\$225	\$245	Very nice apt, hard wood floors, garage, lawn care included	D
3	1	1512 6th Street E	\$225	\$250	Nice house, south big back yard, parking, close to campus	H
3	2	421 12th Avenue West	\$225	\$203	Nice house - large rooms, parking & lawn care included	11
3	1.5	1110 7th Street E	\$225	\$217	Nice, spacious & well-maintained, washer/dryer & garage	11
4	1	1120 15th Avenue E	\$225	\$185	Good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, off-street parking	D
4	1	1115 14th Avenue E	\$225	\$190	Large rooms, washer/dryer, screened-in porch, garage	H
4	1	1056 12th Street E	\$225	\$163	Nice layout, new flooring, washer/dryer hook-ups, parking	H
4	1	1050 6th Street E	\$225	\$175	New flooring throughout, washer/dryer, off-street parking	H
4	1	220 14th Avenue West	\$240	\$185	Washer/dryer, room for storage, parking, good location	H
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #1	\$225	\$205	\$1,000 with utilities, nice & spacious, W/D, A/C, parking	5
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #2	\$225	\$205	\$1,000 with utilities, nice & spacious, W/D, A/C, parking	5
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #3	\$225	\$205	\$1,000 with utilities, nice & spacious, W/D, A/C, parking	5
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #4	\$225	\$205	\$1,000 with utilities, nice & spacious, W/D, A/C, parking	5
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #5	\$225	\$205	\$1,000 with utilities, nice & spacious, W/D, A/C, parking	5
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #6	\$225	\$205	\$1,000 with utilities, nice & spacious, W/D, A/C, parking	5
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #7	\$225	\$205	\$1,000 with utilities, nice & spacious, W/D, A/C, parking	5
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #8	\$225	\$205	\$1,000 with utilities, nice & spacious, W/D, A/C, parking	5
4	1	1219 6th Street E	\$225	\$205	Nice, good-sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H
4	1	1219 12th Street E	\$240	\$210	2-story porch, built-in, W/D, storage, garage, large yard	H
4	1	1050 12th Street E	\$225	\$215	Remodeled kitchen & bath, nice-sized rooms, washer/dryer	11
4	1	1218 6th Street E	\$225	\$220	Good-sized rooms, porch, across from campus, parking	H
4	1	1506 South Broadway	\$240	\$235	Large house, nice interior, big rooms, great location, parking	H
4	1	2225 South Broadway	\$225	\$240	Great house, good-sized rooms, W/D, basement, parking	11
4	1.5	1215 7th St E	\$1,000	\$250	Large living room, basement, W/D, garage, great location	11
4	2	1020 6th Street E	\$1,020	\$255	Great house, nice-sized rooms, washer/dryer, garage	H
4	2	1215 6th Street E	\$1,020	\$265	Spacious house, huge rooms, den, W/D, off-street parking	11
4	1	1114 7th Street E	\$1,040	\$260	Nice house, front porch, garage, washer/dryer, nice yard	H
4	2	222 12th Avenue East	\$1,060	\$265	Large 2-story, new kitchen floor, W/D, close to campus	D
4	2	1017 6th Street E	\$1,080	\$270	Great house, den, W/D, carpet, deck, good location	H
4	2	1201 6th Street E	\$1,100	\$275	Beautiful house, remodeled, W/D, garage, porch & deck	11
4	2	1515 6th Street E	\$1,100	\$275	Spacious house w/ den, W/D, parking, close to campus	D
4	2	147 12th Main Street #A	\$1,100	\$275	Great apt, huge rooms, W/D on site, incl. WSG, parking for 2	A
4	2	1021 6th Street E	\$1,120	\$280	Great house, nice rooms, W/D, screened porch, big deck	11
4	2	1056 6th Street E	\$1,150	\$280	Just remodeled, hardwood, W/D, garage, lawn care included	11
4	2	1415 6th Street E	\$1,200	\$300	BEAUTIFUL & NEW! Very nice, large rooms, W/D, parking	D
4	2	322 12th Main Street E	\$1,200	\$300	Great 2-story downtown apartment, W/D, parking for 1	11
5	1	1121 6th Avenue E	\$720	\$140	Large house, new flooring, front porch, off-street parking	H
5	1.5	221 4th Street West	\$750	\$160	North campus, W/D, porch, basement storage, parking	H
5	2	2258 2nd Street	\$225	\$184	Big house w/ washer/dryer, fenced yard, large 2-car garage	H
5	1	1250 6th Street E	\$225	\$105	Large house, W/D, basement, garage, W/RY close to campus	11
5	2	2208 6th Street #A	\$225	\$190	Large house, good-sized rooms, W/D, off-street parking	3
5	2	504 12th Street E	\$200	\$190	Huge house, big rooms, W/D, basement storage, parking	H
5	2	227 12th Avenue West	\$1,050	\$175	2 full kitchens, 2 washer/dryer sets, parking, great location	H
5	2	1022 7th Street E	\$1,280	\$175	Great house, washer/dryer, fire place, off-street parking	11
5	2	115 12th Avenue West	\$1,100	\$185	Nice house, great location, W/D, front porch & garage	D
5	2	221 20th Avenue #A	\$1,100	\$185	Very nice, new w/ large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4

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5	2	321 20th Avenue RD	\$1,100	\$183	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
5	2	321 20th Avenue RD	\$1,100	\$183	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue RD	\$1,100	\$183	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
5	2	1808 8th Street E	\$1,200	\$200	Nice house, good location, nice rooms, washer/dryer	H
5	2	1321 13th Street E	\$1,250	\$208	Spacious, W/D, garage, recently updated, great location	H
5	2	415 13th Avenue West	\$1,300	\$217	Big bedrooms, good location, washer/dryer, lawn care mat.	H
5	2	1714 8th Street E	\$1,300	\$217	Spacious house, new paint, big deck, garage, pool table	H
5	2	1415 102 5th Street E	\$1,350	\$225	Fabulous apt, W/D, large, new rooms, lot of parking & more	D
6	2	415 13th Avenue East	\$1,375	\$229	Newly remodeled kitchen & bathroom, W/D, great house	H
6	2	115 132 17th Avenue West	\$1,400	\$233	Nice, newer apt, great location, washer/dryer & garage	H
5	2	221 8th Street E	\$1,410	\$235	Great house, big rooms, W/D, large corner lot, 2-car garage	H
5	2	602 152 12th Avenue East	\$1,450	\$242	Huge, newer addition, very nice, W/D, off-street parking	D
5	2 &	825 13th Avenue	\$1,500	\$250	Very nice house, remodeled, W/D, rec room, garage & more	H
7	2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,505	\$188	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H
7	3	1105 10th Street E	\$1,500	\$225	Nice, big house, good-sized rooms, W/D, 2-car garage	H
7	3	1508 7th Street E	\$1,500	\$225	Big house, 2 W/D, dishwasher, 2 HUGE bedrooms, garage	H
7	3	819 7th Street E	\$1,545	\$235	Fabulous house, washer/dryer, big corner lot, 2-car garage	H
7	2	820 13th Street E	\$1,700	\$243	Aweome house! Newly remodeled, huge, W/D, basement	H
5	3	514 10th Street E	\$1,700	\$218	Great house, recently remodeled, large rooms, washer/dryer	H
5	3	1421 South Broadway	\$1,800	\$238	Great house! Big rooms, W/D, across from stadium, garage	H
10	2	1009 6th Street E	\$1,800	\$180	Recently remodeled, 2 living rooms, good location, parking	H
12	4	115 17th Avenue West	\$2,400	\$230	Large house, big rooms, 2 W/D's, porch, garage, parking	H
10	6	2006 5th Street E	\$3,400	\$230	Like 3 apts in one! Spacious rooms, W/D's and much more!	H

Type Code: B=Sleeping room; A=apartment (usually downtown); H=house; D=duplex; a number shows how many units in building larger than a duplex;  
WSB=HW inc.=water/sewer/garbage and hot water in base rent price; w/d=washer/dryer; E/U = Entire Unit; P/P = Per Person

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## A DRAMATIC FAIRY TALE: "North Passage"

Jeffrey Gebert  
Staff Writer

Interested in independent films? The teaser trailer of a short film, "North Passage," from Popple Creek Production, has been released by its director, Kevin Pontuti, an art and design professor at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Pontuti calls the film a "dramatic fairy tale" that is expected to run for about 15 to 20 minutes and is scheduled to be completed by the fall of 2012. Masterminds behind the upcoming film include director Pontuti, producer Mini French (Pontuti's wife), writer Charis Collins and musical composer Jay Collins. The only actress in the trailer is Pontuti's daughter, Talula Pontuti.

This independent film deals with environmental, economic and social issues. The protagonist, Freia, struggles with economic meltdown. Freia and her family leave the city and take refuge on her survivalist grandfather's farm. While there, mysterious things start happening to the house, the forest and the gypsies who reside there. The scenes from the trailer were filmed near the Devil's Punchbowl in Menomonie as well as north of Colfax, Wis.

The teaser is just under three minutes in length. It begins with Freia lying in her bed before getting up and packing financially after watching a news report addressing the economic downfall. Freia then explores an abandoned house while somber haunting music plays in the background. Throughout the trailer, captions appear on the screen that read, in order: In a New World, Something Unexplainable, Opens a Path, North. The music suddenly stops and Freia wakes up to the sound of a gunshot.

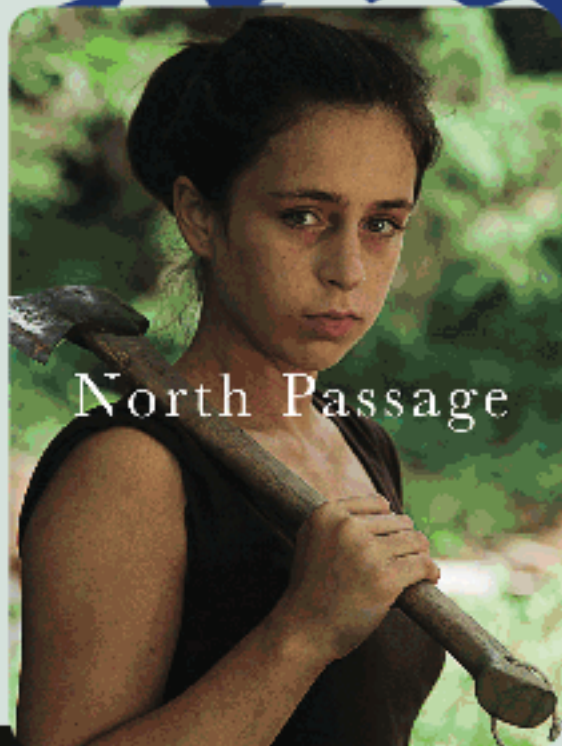
The trailer induces feelings of mystery and intrigue with what is going to happen to Freia. By the end of the intense preview, the audience will have gone through a range of emotions and will walk away with a heightened sense of being, an understanding of fragility for the current situation and the possibilities of the future.

Because it is an independent film, funding for the project is very scarce. The crew is working to secure the budget that they will need and plan to shoot the film either way. Contingency plans have been made for both larger and smaller budgets. Pontuti hopes to achieve his goal of raising \$15,000 for the film.

According to the film's website, the overarching goals for the project are to "create an entertaining and meaningful film that showcases the talents of the creative team, crew and actors," and, "to promote independent filmmaking in the Western Wisconsin area."

When the film is complete, the crew has plans to submit it to festivals such as the Stockholm Film Festival, the Wisconsin Film Festival, the Topanga Film Festival, the Tampere Film Festival and the Sundance Film Festival.

Pontuti and his crew are still looking for volunteers for "North Passage." If you are interested in acting, set building or wardrobe styling "like" the film on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) or visit the North Passage Official Website for more information and to subscribe to the mailing list for updates about the film.



In photo: Jay Collins, Charis Collins, Kevin Pontuti, Mini French, Talula Pontuti

# Rosie's redbox. REVIEW

Rose Maier

Entertainment Editor

Do you have your whole life documented on tape? If so, spend some time and money to make a documentary and you will soon be the coolest kid in town, just like Justin Bieber.

The documentary, "Justin Bieber: Never Say Never," is so good that even if you're not a J-Bieber fan, after watching the film you may develop a new found respect for him, one that you will only feel comfortable talking about with other people who have seen the documentary.

The film is a collection of home videos and a behind-the-scenes look at Bieber preparing for his sold-out show at Madison Square Garden in New York. The show was sold out in 22 minutes.

His mother, Patricia Lynn "Patie" Mallette, appears many times to chime in about the home videos. One video in particular shows Bieber in his preschool days playing the drums, which is quite impressive for his age. Other videos show him singing and performing at a young age (yes, even younger than he is now). This boosts

his credibility for actually having talent and not just falling into fame.

The documentary also tells the story of how Bieber was discovered through a YouTube video by Scott Samuel "Scooter" Braun, who was determined to turn Bieber into a success story. Braun's determination worked and he later became Bieber's manager. As Bieber's fame grew, R&B mogul Usher became his mentor. This was a good sign for Bieber, as Usher wasn't going to work with just any 17-year-old kid.

The story isn't all roses and daisies - there are hardships, too. The film documents how life spent being a busy celebrity can be both physically and emotionally draining, especially for a teenager who needs time to just be a kid.

Overall, "Justin Bieber: Never Say Never" is a well-done documentary. Although it only focuses on reinforcing Bieber's image as a super-star, it does it well. The film is inspiring to those who are reaching for their dreams and overcoming hurdles. Teeny-bop your way over to a RedBox today and get inspired!

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Justin  
Bieber



Genre: Documentary

Opening day box office: \$12.4 million

Stars: 3 out of 5

## Review | Mod Sun Performs at UW-Stout



ROB GRIFFITH/STOUT PHOTO

Rochael Lendse

Staff Writer

To welcome students to campus, Blue Devil Productions sponsored a free concert on Thursday, Sept. 8 on the south lawn, featuring Mod Sun of Bloomington, Minn.

Mod Sun performed with Good Problems and B-Rello to promote the release of his new album on Sept. 22, titled "Chain Gang." They played a two-hour set that attracted many students to south campus. Throughout the entire show you could feel the energy, with hands swaying to the beat and excited fans singing every lyric.

For many fans, the highlight of the show was when Mod Sun played a song from his new album and brought girls on stage to dance with him. He played numerous songs, including "No Girlfriend," "Need That" and "The Path Less Traveled."

Mod Sun released his first album, "I'll Buy Myself," in January of 2009. It featured 11 songs, all of which were original, recorded in his bedroom and 100 percent produced by him, hence the name of the record.

"I didn't create my sound, I found my sound," Mod Sun said about his work over

the past few years. His records feature many different types of songs. "It has party anthems, dream-come-true songs and captures that 'the sun's out' vibe."

Formerly known as Dylan Smith, Mod Sun is no beginner when it comes to the music industry. He has been pursuing music on a serious level since age 14.

"I am totally serious when I say this: the band Hanson gets full credit for getting me into music," said Mod Sun. "I grew up with an older sister and I remember her friends coming over and going crazy over these dudes."

Zac Hanson, the drummer, seemed to get the most girls, so naturally I chose to play drums. From then on, all I wanted to do was play music and tour."

He has played in numerous bands over the years, including The Semester, Sideline Heroes and Four Letter Lie.

"While touring I started to freestyle. I

am a funny dude so making people laugh was never a problem," said Mod Sun. "I could go on forever just rhyming about whatever was in front of me. People started telling me to record some tracks, and the rest is history."

Mod Sun's music is classified as pop and hip-hop with electro-influenced songs and rap lyrics. He has a bright future ahead and he attributes it all to his positive attitude and outlook on life.

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# "A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE"

Directed by UW-Stout Professor

Andrew Schneider  
Staff Writer

This October the Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts will be putting on a play directed by Kevin Drzakowski, a University of Wisconsin-Stout professor. The play, "A Streetcar Named Desire," was originally written in 1947 by Tennessee Williams and is a Pulitzer Prize winning drama.

Drzakowski is an associate professor of English and has been at UW-Stout since 2007. He has a Ph.D. in playwriting from Western Michigan University and has written plays that have been performed both in the Midwest and New York. So far, Drzakowski has had most of his experience in writing plays as opposed to directing.

Now from the position of interpreting the playwright's script instead writing it, Drzakowski is directing the famous play with a group of very talented actors and actresses.

The play is about Blanche DuBois, a wealthy woman who grew up on a plantation in the old South. The family, however, has since then lost their money. Blanche goes to New Orleans to visit her sister, Stella Kowalski, who has left the family in search of work, realizing that she no longer lives a privileged life. Stella is married to a working-class man named Stanley Kowalski, who is a hard worker and despises people with Blanche's sense of entitlement.

The play is a tragedy with a shocking ending. In pop culture, the play has made an appearance as a parody in "The Simpsons" and is also the source of the line "Stella!" said by Elaine in an episode of "Seinfeld."

The lead up to the performance is not without tragedy

either. Halfway through the rehearsals, one of the leads severely cut his thumb on a table saw and had to be replaced with a new actor. The new actor fortunately is as talented as the prior one and so, the show will go on.

If you are thinking of seeing "A Streetcar Named Desire," Drzakowski says the play is for "people who are interested in experiencing the power of tragedy," and that you would enjoy it "if you want to see a play and actually feel it in your gut."

"I want everyone to know that this is an incredibly talented group of actors, and it is a chance to see one of the greatest American plays," said Drzakowski. "Community theaters typically do not do tragedies, so the chance to see something like this is rare."

Don't miss this opportunity to see the Mabel Tainter and experience a classic American play. Get your tickets today!

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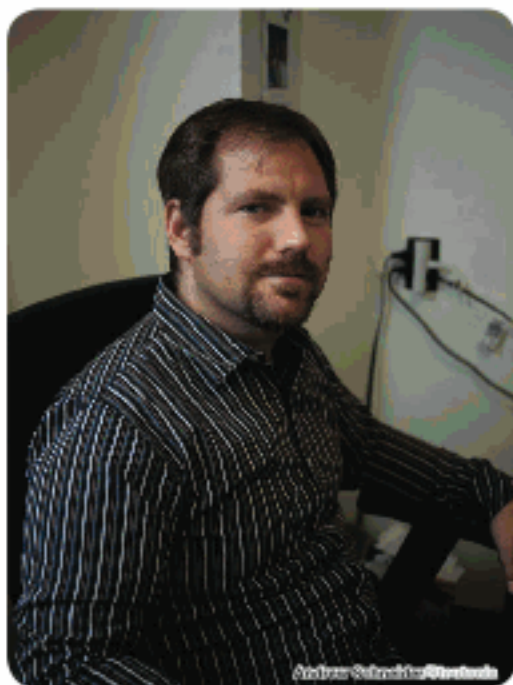
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Students/Senior \$13

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Photograph of UW-Stout professor and director Kevin Drzakowski



Movie clip from the 1951 film "A Streetcar Named Desire." Starring Marlon Brando and Vivien Leigh, directed by Elia Kazan.





# Playing the Blue Devil's Advocate

...an inside look at the school's new mascot

**Morgan Pfaller**  
Sports Editor

On Thursday, Sept. 22, the University of Wisconsin-Stout will unveil the first official mascot at the Don and Nora Williams Stadium. The mascot, a product of collaboration between administrators and students, will lead the men's football team onto the field to kick off the start of the football game against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Titans at 7 p.m.

About two years ago the university began discussing the idea of a mascot, and Megan Jaredci, a former art and design student of Burlington, Wis., researched what schools with a similar mascot were doing. From there, Jaredci decided to put together some of the best concepts and came up with six different prototypes. The committee developed an idea that people seemed to like and took it to Chancellor Charles W. Sorenson for approval.

The Stout Student Association (SSA) handed out several hundred T-shirts of the caricature and it was well received by the students. "We tweaked the design to accommodate what the students wanted," said SSA President Neal Peterson of Maplewood, Minn.

This is the first mascot created by the students for UW-Stout. The Blue Devil will make regular appearances at university athletic contests and other school functions. Fans attending the Sept. 22 game are encouraged to wear blue and white to show off their school spirit and officially welcome the new mascot.

"We have not had a personified mascot to be able to come to the games, lead cheers and represent the institution," said Phillip Lyons, a member of the mascot committee. "I arrived to UW-Stout four years ago, and the Blue Devil was never an image that was on any athletic apparel."

The new mascot aims to give fans a symbol of school spirit out on the field during home games, and it's just in time to kick off the homecoming celebration, marking 100 years of UW-Stout football.

"100 years of football, how crazy is that?" said Lyons. "That anniversary calls for a special celebration. We have a whole number of things coming together for Thursday's unveiling, and it's going to be a lot of fun for everyone. It's rare to have an opportunity to see our football team play under the lights, and it's the first time fans will see the new mascot."

The Blue Devils will hit the field Thursday night, led on by UW-Stout's very own mascot.



Lenn Soderlund/Stoutonia

## Memoirs of a Mascot: One Teacher's Journey

During his sophomore year of high school, Daniel Ruefman's teacher asked him what he wanted to be when he grew up. As a joke, he replied that he wanted to spend his career as a mascot; from there he encountered one of the best and worst job experiences of his career.

Before Ruefman began teaching at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, he worked for minor league baseball and the Ontario Hockey League. As a freshman in college, he began working with the hockey league in Erie, Pa., a job he says he got by default.

"My time as a SeaWolf was quite an experience," said Ruefman. "I was stabbed with a box cutter at a church picnic. A group of teenagers did the usual thing made fools out of themselves and me while taking a few pictures—and the next thing I know a kid stabbed me in the lower abdomen! That may have been my worst experience as a mascot."

Although it's unusual to be stabbed, it is very common to have rude encounters with rivals or even fans during a game. A great mascot overcomes the taunts and learns how to playfully mess with people in the crowd.

"I was notorious for playing 'wipe out' on the heads of bald men using foam tin sticks as dumbsticks," said Ruefman.

Ruefman was more than a SeaWolf; he later worked with the Detroit Tigers as "PAWS," "Shooter" the otter, and a mad hen.

"Each mascot had its own personality," said Ruefman. "Shooter was very shy, more introverted than most mascots, but I had the most fun playing him. The Ontario Hockey League had this thing called

"chuck-a-puck," and I would drive around on a kid's sized four wheeler scooping up all of the hockey pucks thrown by fans, and I would have fun humming up for the crowd. I ended up totaling four of those four wheelers."

**"My moment of growth came when I somersaulted down the bleachers."**

—Daniel Ruefman

"My moment of growth came when I somersaulted down the bleachers," said Ruefman. "I realized this is a weird job, but it was also the best job for the experience it gave me. I was also once knocked out by a WWE Diva," said Ruefman.

As far as resuming his role as the new Blue Devil mascot at UW-Stout goes, Ruefman isn't so sure he is ready to inhabit the suit once again.

"Toward the end of my career as a mascot, I needed a lot of medical attention," said Ruefman. "On a hot day the suit could get up to one hundred twenty-five degrees Fahrenheit. I have

had two separated shoulders, multiple shipped bones, and stitches. The most painful thing was having glueose injected into my body after being seriously dehydrated."

Ruefman says the Blue Devil will be in safe hands because Wisconsin is a little bit colder this time of year, and alcohol won't play a factor in how fans behave during athletic events. The best advice Ruefman can offer to anyone who will wear the Blue Devil suit in the future is this: "Good mascots make a fool out of themselves; a great mascot will make a fool of others."

## Two Weekend Tournaments Bring Mixed Results for Men's Golf

**Morgan Pfaller**  
Sports Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's men's golf team traveled to Sank Centre, Minn., to participate in the St. John's Invitational at Greystone Country Club Sept. 17-18. On Saturday, the team struggled to live up to last weekend's big tournament and found themselves in 13th place with a 329.

Ethan Schmitz, a senior from Sparta, Wis., led the Blue Devils with a 79 and Josh Grisa, a junior from Merrill, Wis., had an 80. After day one of the tournament Schmitz was tied for 23rd while Grisa was tied for 31st. Dan Nelson, a senior from Marinette, tied for 63rd with an 84 and Sam Carr, a sophomore from Roseau, Minn., turned in an 86 to tie for 75th. Brad Woblers, a sophomore from Mahtomedi, Minn., scored and tied for 96th in the 115-person event.

The meet concluded on Sept. 18 at Blackberry Ridge Golf Club in Sartell, Minn. The Blue Devils were able to place ninth as Grisa tied for 14th. Unfortunately, rain delayed the tournament and most scores for the team participants came down to Saturday's results.

"It is a cliché in the golf world, but the best advice I bring to the course is to take it each shot at a time," said Nelson. "If you hit a bad shot, go find it, and hit a good one the next time."

On Sept. 10 the Blue Devils made a big splash as they took the lead in the Transylvania University Fall Invitational and won the event at the University of Kentucky Blue Course. UW-Stout had a five-stroke lead over Centre

College after the first day and scored a single-round school record of 285 in the first round to finish with a 577, the best two-round score since they returned men's golf to varsity status in 2006.

Nelson and Schmitz both finished with a 140, tying for second place. Woblers and Cameron Laufenberg, a senior from Highland, Minn., both recorded a total of 149. Carr scored a 78-78-154 and Sean Larson, a senior from Little Canada, Minn., scored a 74-81-155.

The Blue Devils dominated Kentucky's biagrams with a first place title for the tournament. Head Coach Terry Watkins had only positive things to say about his team. "It was a huge win. We played four nationally ranked

teams," Watkins said. "We've been nationally ranked in the top ten or twenty and this win helped us move up. This tournament was a great success."

Nelson placed second in the tournament. "It was an exciting win, in my opinion, it was the biggest win that I've ever been a part of. Setting the new school record and beating some of the best teams in the nation gives us a little confidence boost to take with us the rest of this fall."

The UW-Stout's men's golf team is currently sixth of 14 (National Collegiate Athletic Association) NCAA DIII teams. Catch the Blue Devils Sept. 24 and 26 as the junior varsity team participates in the Frank Wigglesworth Invitational in Eau Claire, Wis. Catch the Varsity team as it joins in the University of DeSales Invitational on Sept. 25 in Galena, Ill.

**"If you hit a bad shot, go find it, and hit a good one the next time."**

- Dan Nelson



Men's golf team poses with their award.

Terry Watkins/Contributed Photo



# BLUE DEVILS GO 2-1 AT UW-RIVER FALLS INVITATIONAL

**Morgan Pfaller**  
Sports Editor

With just one win against seven losses to start the season, the University of Wisconsin-Stout women's volleyball team looked to turn it around at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Invitational that took place Sept. 16-17.

The team's only match Friday night was against Waldorf College. The match started out with Waldorf College hitting the antennae to give UW-Stout the first point. The Blue Devils then sprinted out to an 8-3 lead, causing Waldorf to take a timeout.

The two teams traded points from there, but Waldorf never managed to get any closer. Kate Mikutowski, a junior from Stillwater, Minn., ended the first set with a kill for a 25-17 win and a 1-0 lead.

UW-Stout went on to take the first, third and fourth sets, losing the second set in as devastating a fashion as they had beaten Waldorf in the three other sets.

The Blue Devils came through this match with multiple scoring streaks, winning most of the long rallies to defeat the Warriors 3-1.

"It is necessary that we win long rallies to keep the momentum," said Coach Jill Joliff.

Mikutowski had a match high of 14 kills and added five service aces in the Blue Devils' defeat of Waldorf, 25-17, 25-16, 16-25, 25-16. UW-Stout recorded 47 kills, 40 of which

were set up by Karley Wiensch, a freshman from Cadott, Wis.

UW-Stout had a lot of momentum going into Saturday morning's game after beating Waldorf the night before. The first match was against Hamline University, a team that had lost a four set match against the University of Wisconsin-River Falls the night before after going ahead 1-0 to start that match.

The scoring was close, but Hamline came away with a 3-0 sweep, 17-25, 17-25, 22-25. Mikutowski led UW-Stout with 11 kills. Wiensch and Taylor Fabian, a freshman from Lake Elmo, Minn., had 11 digs each, with Wiensch also leading all players with 26 assists.

It was a tough loss to Hamline. "We have to eliminate our mistakes," said Joliff.

The first game of the tournament was against host UW-River Falls. UW-Stout jumped out to a 2-0 lead and won the match 3-1, 25-21, 25-20, 22-25, 25-16. Mikutowski led the way with 16 kills to go along with 22 digs, three blocks and two aces.

Sara Kjos, a senior from Hamburg, Minn., added 14 kills and seven blocks. Freshman Morgan Denny from Luck, Minn. had 12 kills, six blocks and a service ace. Tori Sandstrom, a junior from Cary, Ill., had nine kills and Emily Crew, a freshman from Maplewood, Minn., had eight kills.

Fabian led the defense with 23 digs, Megan Shanahan had 11, and Amanda Ries had nine.

Wiensch outdid herself from the previous night with a collegiate best of 52 assists to go with 10 digs for the match.

"It was really great to beat UW-River Falls because they are in our conference and a great team this year," said coach Joliff.

For their performance, Mikutowski and Kjos were named to the all-tournament team.

UW-Stout has had tough matches all season, but matches have all been on the road so far. "We will be energized because the next match is at home and it's against Eau Claire," said Joliff. The Blue Devils will face the Blugolds on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. in this season's home opener.

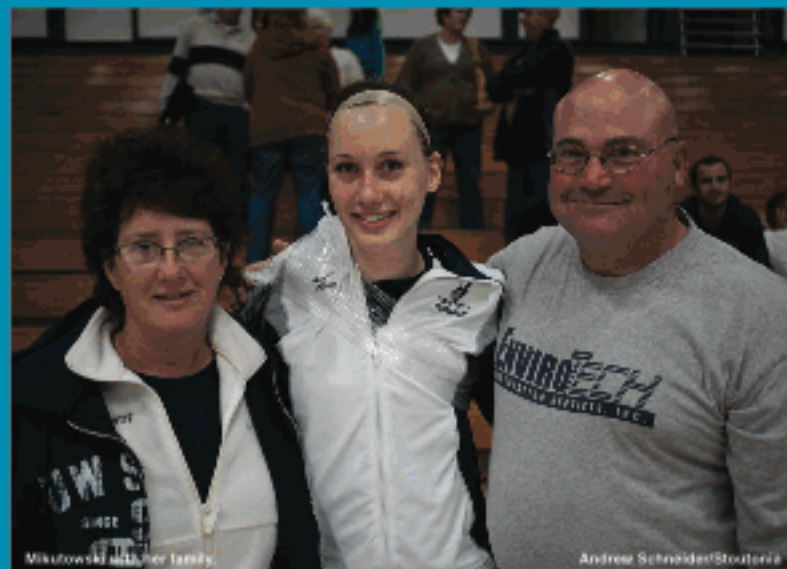


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Mikutowski ready to strike

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Mikutowski and her family

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What 2  
Watch 4upcoming sporting  
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- **September 22:**
  - Female Basketball vs UW-Oshkosh (nc) (Dorm Day/Coach to Cure) at 7 p.m.
- **September 23:**
  - Women's Volleyball at UW-Platteville at 7 p.m.
- **September 24:**
  - Women's Volleyball at UW-La Crosse at 12 p.m.
  - Women's Soccer vs UW-Whitewater at 4 p.m.
- **September 25:**
  - Women's Soccer vs St. Norbert College at 2 p.m.
- **September 30:**
  - Women's Volleyball vs Augsburg College at 7 p.m.
  - Women's Tennis vs UW-Stevens Point at 3:30 p.m.
  - Women's Cross Country at UW-Eau Claire Blugold Invite at 4 p.m.
  - Men's Cross Country at UW-Eau Claire Blugold Invite at 5 p.m.
- **October 1:**
  - Female Basketball vs UW-Eau Claire (Homecoming/100 yr celebration) at 1 p.m.
  - Women's Volleyball vs Buena Vista University in Northfield, MN at 12 p.m.
  - WVB at Carleton College at 2 p.m.
- **October 2:**
  - Women's Tennis vs St. Norbert College in Madison, WI at 12 p.m.
  - Women's Tennis at Edgewood College at 3 p.m.

# Women's Cross Country Competes in Sundodger Invitational

Morgan Pfaller  
Sports Editor

On Saturday, Sept. 17, the University of Wisconsin-Stout women's cross country team traveled to Seattle to participate in the Sundodger Invitational hosted by the University of Washington. Katie Hicks, a sophomore from Anoka, Minn., recorded a time of 23 minutes, 48.69 seconds to finish 22nd of 187 runners, setting the pace for the Blue Devils. Alexa Ahler, a senior from Wausau, Wis., placed 24th with a time of 22 minutes, 53.73 seconds in the 6,000-meter event.

Tia Harris, a freshman from River Falls, Wis., was 72nd with a time of 23:53:59 and Bailey Darkin, a sophomore from Appleton, Wis., was 76th with a time of 23:57:56. Mikayla Sleigh, a freshman from Wausau, Minn., was 91st with a time of 24:15:45, while Abby Bitzer, a junior from Eden Prairie, Minn., was 109th with a time of 24:38:46 and Jacki Terrence, a freshman from Wausau, Wis., was 138th with a time of 25:19:44.

The Blue Devils finished 11th out of 17 teams, which included (National Collegiate Athletic Association) NCAA Division II and III squads, junior colleges and Canadian colleges.

"It was a pretty good race for the women," said Head Coach Matthew Schauf. "Although we were only eleventh, we were just forty-two points from sixth place. The team is quite young

with three freshmen and only one senior currently in the top seven."

The coaching staff provides an innovative way for the team to practice and slowly build endurance to remain competitive runners throughout the season. They have new members run about 35 miles a week and the upperclassmen run about 70 miles each week, which is about six to eight miles a day during practice.

"I've learned through coaches that running requires patience. Build endurance through the years and you'll see results over time," (continued from pg. 21) said Ahler. "The beautiful thing about cross country is the scenery; it's beautiful to run through Monomonic during the fall when the leaves are changing."

"As a team, it is our goal to place higher in the conference meet than we did last year,"

said Ahler. "I would personally like to place at conference and be All-Conference [in the top twenty of the division]. It has also been my goal since freshmen year to make it to Nationals."

Ahler ran her second fastest time ever—just 5 seconds from her personal best—on she finished in the top 25. She has moved into the level of competitors by beginning the year under 23 minutes.

"There is a lot of potential for this year's team if they can stay healthy and continue on the path they are on," said Schauf. "The girls have closed the gap on the next level of teams, but the challenge will be cracking into that group of teams, as tradition can be a strong barrier to overcome at times."

Ahler and the Blue Devils compete at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Blugold Invitational on Friday, Sept. 30 at the Whistail Golf Club.



Women's cross country team poses for a team photo. Matthew Schauf/Contributed Photo



Women's cross country team in action.

Matthew Schauf/Contributed Photo



# BLUE DEVIL SCOREBOARD

## BLUE DEVIL FOOTBALL

The University of Wisconsin-Stout football team defeated Jemstown College 38-17 at Berlin Greene Field on Saturday, Sept. 30. The Blue Devils had a 14-3 lead at halftime after fullback David Goebel, a sophomore from Minnetonka, Minn., scored the first touchdown. UW-Stout doubled the score with eight minutes left in the second quarter when Goebel dashed for his second touchdown, going up the middle for a 24-yard score. The Jimmies added a 21-yard field goal with two minutes left, and UW-Stout took a 34-3 lead into halftime.

**Next game:** Catch the football team play at home against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh on Thursday, Sept. 22.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's tennis team lost to the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh on Sept. 18 in Oshkosh, Wis. Elizabeth Lehnertz, a sophomore from Cary, Ill., came within one game of winning her first set before dropping the first set 7-6 as the Blue Devils lost a 9-0 conference decision. Lehnertz's second set was the closest of the day with 6-1. Abby Warwie, a junior from Kenosha, Wis., lost of No. 1 singles 6-2, 6-2.

**Next Game:** Watch the women's tennis team perform the USA/ITA Midwest Regional Sept. 23rd-25th at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn.

## MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's cross country team placed second at the Washington Sandagger Invitational, hosted by the University of Washington, on Saturday, Sept. 17. The Blue Devils competed against approximately 248 college runners from NCAA Division III schools. Clint Leber, a senior from Sunock, Wis., was a top 25 finisher and Mitch Encker, a junior from Antigo, Wis., was in the top 33. This was one of the premier 8-kilometer races in the Northwest that UW-Stout has competed in.

**Next game:** The Blue Devils will compete again at the Blugold Invitational Friday, Sept. 30 at the Whitetail Golf Club in Eau Claire, Wis.



Two girls from the women's cross country team running.

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2  <b>UW-Stout Women's Tennis vs. St. Norbert College</b> UW-Stout @ 12 p.m.	3	4  <b>UW-Stout Women's Soccer vs. Hamline University</b> @ Hamline University 4 p.m.	5			





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#### Cover photo by Nate Eul

During the fall in Menomonie, the Red Cedar Trail is one of the best places to watch the changing foliage. Hundreds of colors assault your eyes, and the river provides a cool breeze for joggers. Evander Grybush, a former cross-country runner, is enjoying the weather while sporting University of Wisconsin-Stout gear.



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## Opening Thoughts from the Editorial Staff

*"If I had one hour to live, I would spend it in class because it feels like an eternity."*

-Editor-in-Chief, Lauryn Seering

*"Through concentration, I can raise and lower my cholesterol at will."*

-Sports Editor, Morgan Pfaller

*"It's ironic that our fall themed issue came out right as it is beginning to feel like summer again."*

- News Editor, Jessica Vaysberg

*"The best thing about today- enjoying the fall foliage while cruising down the highway listening to music by cKy."*

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*"A cow covered in leaves is Fallish, right?"*

-Opinions Editor, Jerad Maplethorpe

*"Sitting still is so underrated."*

-Digital Imaging Editor, Nate Eul

# ReLeaf

**Andrew Schneider**  
Staff Writer

A group of over 20 students with the Natural Areas Club and GreenSense spruced up a corner of campus on Oct. 5. The event, called ReLeaf, had students plant trees and shrubs behind the baseball field, the Outdoor Classroom, a place for students to learn about nature. Nine trees and 11 shrubs were planted.

The event was funded by Midwest Regional Collaborative for Sustainability Education (MRCSE). The organization gave Camille Thorson a \$2000 grant for the plants. Thorson is a senior in the applied science major with an environmental science focus.

Thorson said the Outdoor Classroom's purpose was, "to get students who are interested in having a profession in land management an ability to get field experience. It is also here to get students familiar with plants."

With shovels, wheelbarrows, mulch and elbow grease, the Natural Areas Club, GreenSense and other volunteer students and faculty planted the plants on a warm October evening. A wide array of plants were planted, all native and set

in places that they would hopefully thrive in. Measures to remove invasive species in the Outdoor Classroom are also being made.

A Silver Birch was planted among some Silver Banner Grass, an invasive species. Jacob Pulfer, land manager for the Outdoor Classroom and president of the Natural Areas Club, said that, "In eight to ten years the Silver Birch will give enough shade to shade out the Silver



Andrew Schnieder/Stoutonia

Jacob Pulfer (left) and Camille Thorson (right) plant the Silver Birch.

Banner Grass from growing. Silver Banner Grass is a very light dependent grass."

Many other trees and shrubs were part of the project. The Hackberry Tree, River Birch, Tamarack Tree, Dwarf Bush Honeysuckle, Pagoda Dogwood and Grow-Low Sumac were among the plants planted that evening.

If you would like to learn more about nature, look into the Natural Areas Club. President

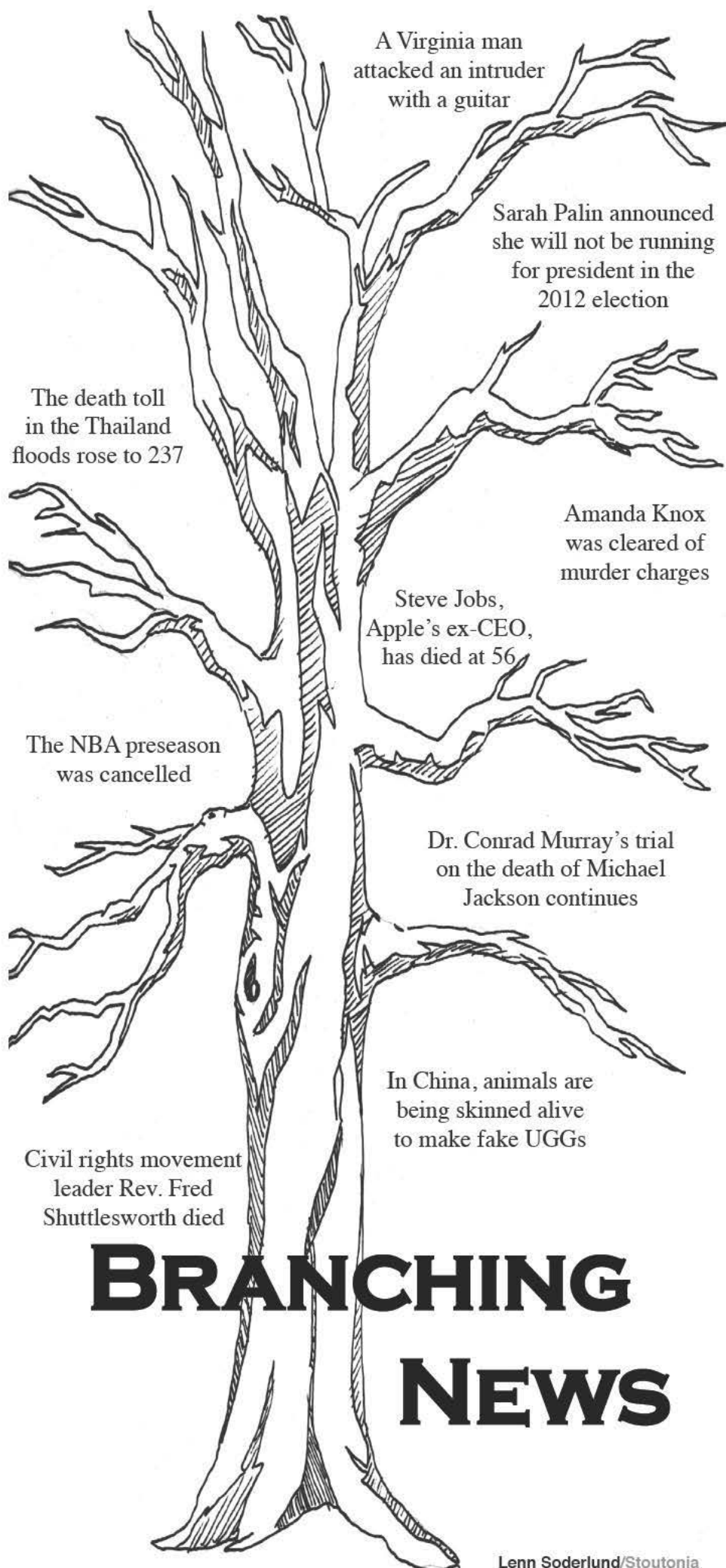
Jacob Pulfer and the other members are very knowledgeable on the names of the trees and shrubs in our area. The club can also teach you about invasive species and give you tips on planting and maintaining natural areas. Walking through the woods and knowing the names of the plants around you is something that can be very enlightening. It is also polite, as not knowing the names of the trees is bad forest etiquette.



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Pagoda Dogwood.





# BRANCHING NEWS

Lenn Soderlund/Stoutonia



Lauryn Seering  
Editor-in-Chief

## Citations Issued Sept.

Underage First Degree: 23  
Underage Second Degree: 1  
ID Violation: 1  
Public Urination: 1  
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia: 2

### Lost Permits

At least 10 students have either misplaced, lost or had their parking permits stolen in this two-week period. Some had it nabbed from their bag. In one incident, the coveted permit was stolen during an innocent lunch liaison. Maybe they should glue-gun them inside their vehicles next time instead of carrying them around?

### Art Thief

A student recently had a toolbox containing art supplies- mainly various pencils and erasers- stolen. This student was distraught because they cannot afford to replace these items. Only art students know just how expensive a set of thin-tip Prismacolor markers and fancy charcoal pencils cost.

### Bitter Spam Revenge

A student reported that their car was egged recently. This student didn't think much on it, until their email inbox was filling with spam emails. That is some scary revenge story, and even Ask 5000 couldn't apprehend who signed this student up for email lists.

### But I Just Loved this Jam

A UW-Stout police officer went to investigate a noise complaint. After knocking for several minutes, he keyed

## ~~Smooth~~ CRIMINALS

### Tales of stupidity from Menomonie

into the room (as per policy in the students housing contract). No one was in the room, and there were no illegal substances observed in sight. The officer paused the CD in the stereo, silencing the music. I wonder what kind of music it was that the dorm dweller felt the need to keep it on.

### Return to Sender

An officer found an abandoned backpack. Inside were homework assignments and a nearly full 1.75 liter bottle of Admiral Nelson's cherry-flavored spiced rum, along with a StoutOne card containing full information about the backpacks owner. The owner was contacted and asked to come down to the station. The owner denied that the alcohol was theirs and insisted their roommate must have borrowed the backpack. Maybe next time when you go out with illegal alcohol, don't keep indentifying information next to your rum.

### Lost and Found

Police were contacted because of a student wandering around the parking lot looking for their lover's vehicle for at least two hours. The car in question had keys hidden under the seat. The lover of said student was contacted, and police found out that they were the one who removed the vehicle. Bet the owner is beginning to doubt their lover's intelligence.

### Stealing from the Janitorial Staff

An officer was dispatched to a resident hall on reports of criminal damage to a janitorial door. Unknown persons broke out the screen on the bottom and the door was also cracked in a few different spots. It appears that someone was attempting to break the lock where the door was cracked. Nothing was tampered with in the room, which means the perpetrator must have given up on grabbing the cleaning supplies they desired.



# Bike and boarding ordinance enforced

Laurn Seering  
Editor-in-Chief

Unbeknownst to students, there are ordinances in the city of Menomonie that have been under the radar until recently. On Sept. 22, several representatives from the University of Wisconsin-Stout and the city of Menomonie sent an email to students, which has since been the topic of controversy.

Ordinance 6-7-3 relates to the use of bicycles, rollerblades and longboards on campus. It condemns the use of any "play vehicles" on sidewalks that are adjacent to the roads surrounding the busiest areas on campus.

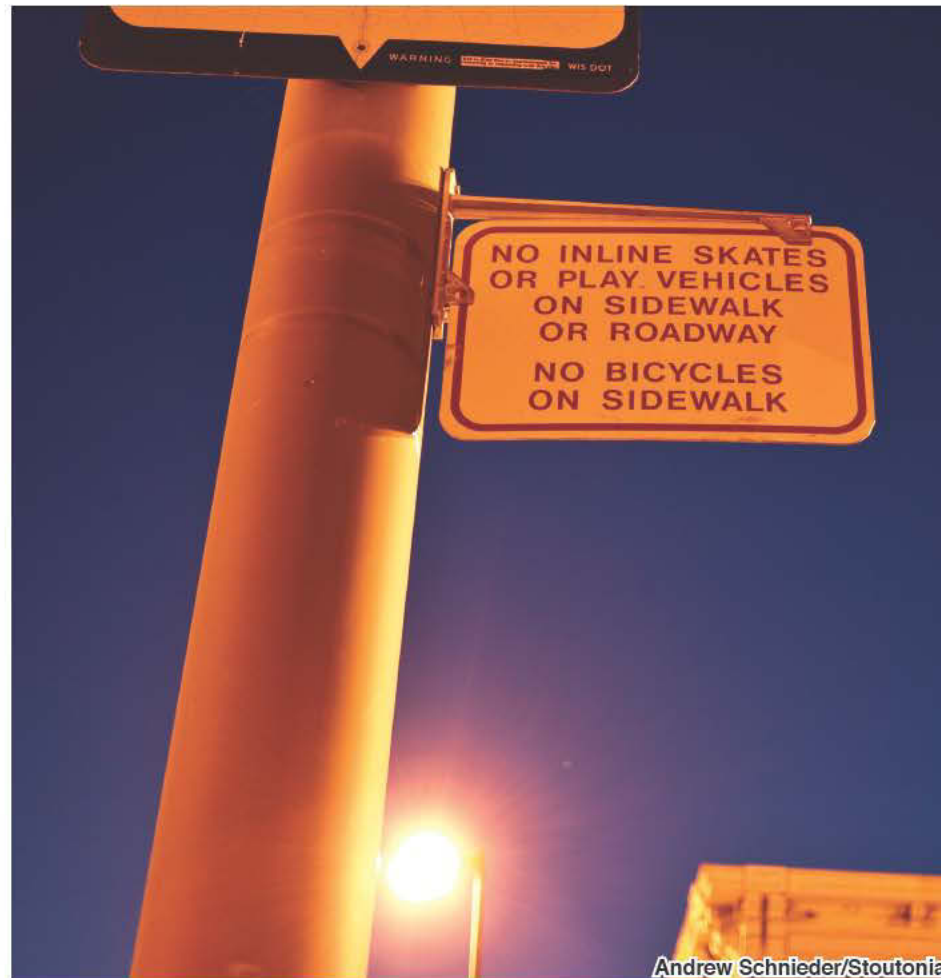
If you are found violating this ordinance, you can be ticketed \$162.70, even if you were not aware of the ordinance.

Stout Student Association Student Body President Neal Peterson said, "If you are on a bike, you can ride on the city streets in any area in the city. You can ride bicycles on the sidewalk throughout the city except for the areas defined by the city ordinance. Rollerblades, longboards and skateboards are restricted to the sidewalk."

This new ordinance can create a lot of problems for students who use longboards or bicycles as their primary mode of transportation when it's warm out.

Alec Fotsch, a sophomore who recently joined the Longboarding Club on campus said, "I heard this is not a new ordinance, it's just new that it is being enforced. I feel that the ordinance is just now being enforced because of the booming longboard scene here in Menomonie."

"This ordinance seriously hinders my ability to longboard," said Fotsch. "When I want to go out and do some slides I have to get in my car and drive five miles out of town."



Andrew Schnieder/Stoutonia

New signs on Broadway.

This can be a problem for bikers too, who are now told to bike with traffic down Main Street and face two rows of parked cars. Despite the fact that the speed limit in the area is only 25

mph during the busiest peak of school days, it is impossible for bicyclists to be truly respected on the road without bike lanes.

"I feel this is unfair because longboarders



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and bicyclists are not causing a problem," said Fotsch. "In my mind people should be ticketed if they impede traffic or cause any other problems. Other than that, they should be allowed to ride anywhere they choose so long as there is not property damage or danger to others."



Nate Eul/Stoutonia

Bikers are finding it harder and harder to commute.



# First Amendment rights challenged on campus



You don't know me, son, so let me explain this to you once: If I ever kill you, you'll be awake. You'll be facing me. And you'll be armed.

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First image posted on Miller's door.

Jessica Vaysberg  
News Editor

On Sept. 12, the University of Wisconsin-Stout theater and speech professor Jim Miller put a poster up of a character with a quote from the 2002 American sci-fi TV series, "Firefly." Miller was later contacted by UW-Stout Chief of Police Lisa Walter via email, letting Miller know that the poster had been taken down due to its "implied threat of violence." According to the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), in a series of published emails between Miller and Walter, Walter then threatened criminal charges against Miller. "If you choose

to repost the article or something similar to it, it will be removed and you could face charges of disorderly conduct," Walter wrote.

"The first poster is actually the opposite of a threat if you know its context, and the second poster is obviously Miller feeling threatened himself, not issuing a threat," said UW-Stout professor Tim Shiell, author of "Campus Hate Speech on Trial."

Four days after his poster was censored by the UW-Stout Police, Miller put up another poster on his door which read: "Warning: Fascism. Fascism can cause blunt head trauma and/or violent death. Keep fascism away from children and pets."

Another four days later, Miller's poster was again taken down by Walter, this time because it "depicted violence and mentioned violence and death," and that the poster may "be constituted as a threat."

After the second poster was removed, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Interim Dean Raymond Hayes scheduled a meeting with Miller. The meeting was later cancelled. "It sounded like a suspension was going to happen at the cancelled meeting with the Dean," Miller said.

"I never had any intent to start a media circus with First Amendment rights," Miller said. He has received approximately 24 to 30 emails from a broad spectrum of people across the country wanting to comment on the situation.

"I have a robust idea of freedom of speech," said Miller. "What I did is absolutely protected."

"But with or without the doctrine, the university's actions are so far beyond the pale of what is constitutionally permissible. Every lawyer in Wisconsin must be licking his chops for the chance to bring a Section 1983 action against these clowns," said the Wisconsin Law Journal.

According to Miller, there are three steps that may be necessary to solve this situation. The first step took place when FIRE wrote a letter on Miller's behalf to Chancellor Sorensen. The letter expressed that the actions of the University were unacceptable and another course of action should be taken.

On Sept. 27, after this initial letter, Chancellor Sorensen, Provost Julie Furst-Bowe and Vice Chancellor Ed Nieskes sent out an email stating, "The posters in question constituted an implied threat of violence." A publicity campaign, phase two, then went into effect.

"We are here now," Miller said.

The third phase is litigation. Miller said that this phase would take effect if school officials try to buckle down and don't do something about what happened. "A real hit to your pocket book should inspire you to rethink," said Miller. "If it came to litigation, I wouldn't have trouble finding a lawyer. Lawyers are vying for my case. An awful lot of lawyers have phoned in."

When asked if Miller believes this situation was motivated by concern or by an attempt to exhibit power, he said that, "Evidence for concern seems to be awfully thin. It doesn't seem there is a sincere belief of threat on their behalf. It sounds like we have to

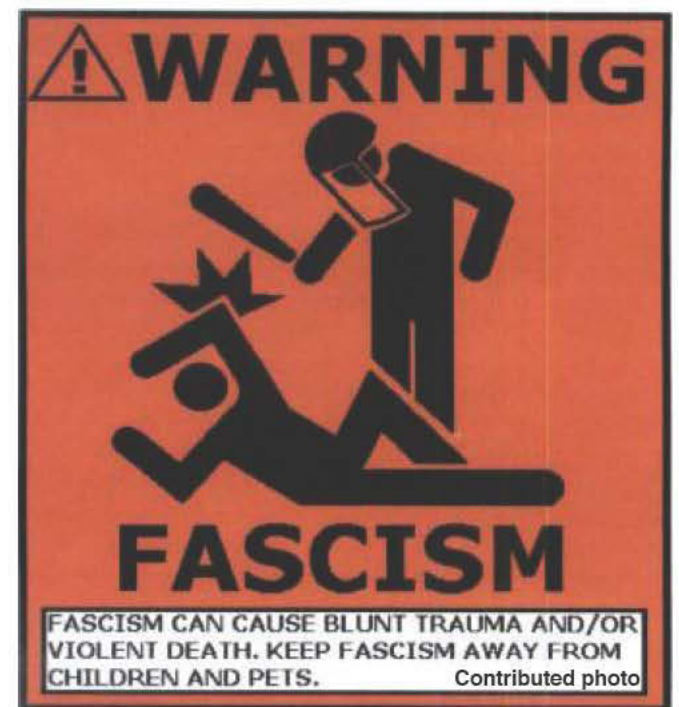
show [I'm] a threat. We're already committed to getting [me] for something."

On Oct. 4, Chancellor Sorensen, Furst-Bowe and Nieskes sent out an email that stated, "UW-Stout has reconsidered its decision to remove the two posters from outside the professor's office, meaning he can display them if he so chooses. The administration also is reviewing its procedures for handling these kinds of cases, and a new protocol is being developed in the hopes that a similar situation can be avoided in the future. Furthermore, the UW-Stout Center for Applied Ethics will schedule workshops and/or forums during this academic year on First Amendment rights and responsibilities in higher education."

After the latest development, Miller said, "There are many things in the Chancellor's new memo, but I'm not really sure there was an apology in there, either to me individually or to the campus community; an offense against one is an offense against all. The suggestion that the Ethics Center should educate us all about free speech is a good start, provided that it is the offending officers and administrators who get most of the educating."

In the end, Miller just wants an agreement to the terms asked for by FIRE. He doesn't want any retaliation or any reference suggesting he ever committed or got off of a crime. He wants UW-Stout to say they are in error, acknowledge that error as far as they accused him of making an error, and he also wants a promise that the university will never make that mistake again.

"I'd like to see everyone on campus see robust, free expression is expected here," said Miller. "There is a world of as yet unexpressed expression waiting for me and my office door, and the day is young."



The second image posted on Miller's door.





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# 2011 Career Conference is a hit



The conference brings professionals from all over.

Jennifer Huynh  
Staff Writer

The beginning of the University of Wisconsin-Stout's annual Career Conference this year marked one of the most constructive times for both business recruiters and UW-Stout students, celebrating its 33rd anniversary. Many students flocked to this year's event in hopes of appealing to prospective employers. Behind the complex coordination of this event was Amy Lane, the head director of Career Services, who spoke with much enthusiasm. Lane stated that the Career Conference is centered around professional careers and it is the largest in the Midwest, possibly the nation.

"We started sending out invitations to businesses about four to five months ago, sending approximately twenty to twenty-five thousand invites to cutting edge business," stated Lane.

The recruiters were very impressed with

what Career Services and students had to offer. Among the representatives interviewed, many of them have been highly impressed with the preparedness of the students and the organization of the conference. "From résumés to business attire, students here are more professional than at other schools," stated one recruiter.

According to Chelsey Dahl, senior buyer for Shopko, many students from other schools typically appear in jeans and T-shirts. Tim Kaine, group leader for Payless shoes, was here for his eighth year and looks forward to come to UW-Stout's Career Conference each year. "Everyone is so wel-

coming," exclaimed Kaine. Recruiters were even impressed with the organization provided by Career Services, in which parking and set-up was prepared prior to their arrival, making things run smoothly.

Students have been encouraged by their professors to attend this event to have an interactive experience with employers in their field of study. Shannon Strutz, a sophomore in computer engineering at UW-Stout, was impressed by the number of businesses that came.

"I was surprised to see how many companies that were eager to recruit Stout graduates," said Strutz.

"We started sending out invitations to businesses about four to five months ago, sending approximately twenty to twenty-five thousand invites to cutting edge business."

Amy Lane

Despite the preparedness of many students, there were also a large number of students who were unsure of what to bring. "I did not know we were supposed to bring a résumé, or if it was worthwhile for a sophomore to come," said student Nick Gustafson.

However, some students were happy to learn about what the recruiters were looking for. Paulina Sucharda, a sophomore in retail merchandising, received a lot of feedback. "I was a little disappointed that they were only looking for juniors, but I liked knowing what they were looking for," said Sucharda.

With such a large career conference, UW-Stout has prepared a wonderful opportunity for the students. Businesses love the polytechnic aspect of this school in which, "Recruiters find students trained in UW-Stout's hands-on program to be more appealing," said Lane. This was a large event that needed a lot of planning and could not have been successful without the hard work of all the volunteers.



A relationship starts with a handshake.



# Storandt walks Dixon in trial

Jessica Christiansen  
Staff Writer

The week of homecoming is usually one of anticipation, a time that students look forward to every year. Unfortunately, that may have not been the case for some people this year. The week of Sept. 25 through the 29 was the week for the trial of the State of Wisconsin vs. Isaac Storandt case. Storandt is now an alumnus of the University of Wisconsin-Stout and was facing these pending felonies prior to the trial: Homicide by Intoxicated Use of Vehicle, Homicide by Use of Vehicle with Prohibited Alcohol Concentration (PAC) and Homicide by Negligent Operation/Vehicle.

These charges were brought against Storandt after he hit Michael Dixon with his car on March 12, 2010 at 12:21 a.m. Prior to the incident, Dixon was a student at UW-Stout and a member of the Kappa Lambda Beta fraternity with intentions of graduating the following May. The trial left many students in dismay.

"It opened up old wounds," said Dustin Arnes, a member of the Kappa Lambda Beta fraternity. "The only thing to do is keep on living."

"It's hard to believe it's taken a year-and-a-half for the trial to take place," said Dixon's friend, Brittany Armstrong.

Dixon was struck by Storandt's car as he was crossing the intersection of South Broadway and 11th Ave. West in Menomonie. Storandt had a blood alcohol level of approximately .12, compared to the legal limit for driving of .08. Storandt was leaving a house party with a friend and turned onto Broadway from 13th Ave. South. Storandt stated in court that he did see Dixon and two of his friends crossing the street; however, instead of braking, he chose to switch lanes in an attempt to avoid hitting the pedestrians. After Dixon was struck by the car, Storandt fled, later returning to the scene.

"Although Michael had consumed alcohol that evening, he made the responsible choice to walk rather than get behind the wheel of a car and commit a crime," said Dixon's mother, Lori Dixon. Shortly after the accident, Dixon was brought to Luther Midelfort Hospital, where it was discovered that he had suffered multiple injuries from the accident. Unexpectedly, he was only conscious for four days. On day 11 of his hospitalization (March 21), Dixon died as a result of his injuries.

On the evening of Thursday, Sept. 29, the jury found Storandt not guilty, acquitting him of all charges.

"I can't believe he didn't receive any punishment," said UW-Stout student Greta Davis. As a result of the jury's decision, Dixon's mother released a statement to the press, part of which is shown below:

"...It is also our hope and prayer this trial will bring much needed conversation

regarding Wisconsin pedestrian versus vehicle laws to the attention of state decision-makers and affect future change so no other family will have to endure this type of tragedy; whereas if a driver sees a pedestrian with ample time to stop, they are required to do so, and not just switch lanes and try to swerve around them..."

Attempts to contact Storandt for comment were unsuccessful.



Sign placed at the scene of the crime.



## Calendar of Events

### STOUT ADVENTURES - 56 Sports & Fitness Center (232-5625)

10/7-10/9 Backpacking the Superior Hiking Trail  
10/11 Lead Climbing Clinic  
10/12 Full Moon Series: Climb  
Now-10/10 Registration for Rock Climbing Red Wing-Day Trip  
10/15 Rock Climbing Red Wing-Day Trip  
Now-10/17 Registration for American Red Cross Wilderness & Remote First Aid

### HEALTH & FITNESS CENTER - 53 Sports & Fitness Center (232-1378)

10/12 & 10/13 Toning With Weights 7-9PM  
10/19 & 10/20 Toning With Weights 7-9PM (North Point)

### INTRAMURAL SPORTS - 41 Sports & Fitness Center (232-1392)

10/7 Kickball Tourney  
Now-10/12 Tennis Dbls. Tourney Registration - \$15/team  
10/14 Tennis Dbls. Tourney

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# Fleming Gets Renovated

Claire Mathiowetz  
Staff Writer

When most students arrive at the University of Wisconsin – Stout, they expect to stay in the same room for the next nine months. For the residents of Fleming Hall, however, their accommodations are a bit different.

For the past year, University Housing and the Physical Plant Department have been planning the renovation of Fleming Hall. The project will commence this January and all students who currently live in Fleming must move out by Dec. 22.

“Two years ago, we did the same thing with Hovlid—emptied it in December and renovated that building. That time we didn’t have the spaces we have now, but we were still able to relocate all those students. I think we will have plenty of spots for students to go.”

Scott Grisbach

Although the students who live in Fleming knew about the move ahead of time, most are still unsure of where they will live next semester.

Sophomore Sam Marasch hasn’t decided yet if he is going to live with friends in Red Cedar or find an open spot in Wigen. There will also be rooms open in McCalmont.

“Once the room-freeze is over we will have a list of what rooms are available, then I’ll be able to decide where I’ll live, and I’ll find out within the next week or so,” said Marasch. “Once we know where we’re going, we can move out anytime between

now and the twenty-second.”

Marasch and other Fleming residents said that it isn’t a huge change to move into a different hall, so they aren’t worried about moving or finding a spot. Scott Grisbach, the director of University Housing and Resident Life, isn’t concerned about finding spots for students either.

“Two years ago, we did the same thing with Hovlid—emptied it in December and renovated that building,” said Grisbach. “That time we didn’t have the spaces we have now, but we were still able to relocate all those students. I think we will have plenty of spots for students to go.”

The new building is going to include expanded bathrooms, similar to Hovlid’s

and Wigen’s, and a complete new basement. The upgrades will also include new furniture, wiring, windows and carpet in the rooms. This \$6.59 million project is expected to be completed this July.

Fleming will go on the list of newly renovated UW-Stout buildings, along with the North Point Dining and Fitness Center, as well as Hovlid. The Memorial Student Center is also currently undergoing renovations. Grisbach said this is only the first of many renovations for UW-Stout. Next on the list is Jeter-Tainter-Callahan followed by all the dorms on South Campus. Grisbach said that all of the renovations are expected to be complete by 2025.



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Fleming Hall last winter.

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# Important registration reminder to all first-year students

By: Maxwell Perkins  
Contributing Writer

As the second semester approaches, it is easy to lose track of what needs to be taken care of prior to registration. This is why the University of Wisconsin-Stout Alcohol and Other Drug Education Program staff wants to help remind all first-year students that completing e-Chug is required to register for second semester classes.

## What is e-Chug?

Beginning this academic school year, UW-Stout will implement a program named "e-Chug" for all first-year students. e-Chug is an online tool utilized to help educate students about their personal alcohol consumption. It provides confidential and individualized feedback. Your results are not visible to anyone but yourself.

This educational tool is provided as part of UW-Stout's Campus Alcohol Education and Enforcement Plan for 2011 - 2012, meant to help keep the student body educated and informed. The eight easy steps are listed.

## eChug Steps:

Go to: [www.uwstout.edu/aod](http://www.uwstout.edu/aod)

- 1) Click on "e-Chug" under quick links (upper right-hand side).
- 2) After you begin, you will be provided with a user ID; keep a record of this number for future access.
- 3) Complete the e-Chug questions.
- 4) When you finish, e-Chug will provide individualized feedback regarding your alcohol usage.
- 5) After reviewing your feedback, enter your information on the right-hand side of the webpage to receive your verification of completion.
- 6) Enter your information on the verification page. Under the "send my verification to" section, select "Jacob Bloom, AOD Program Coordinator."
- 7) Check the "Accept Terms" box and submit.
- 8) Verification of submission will display.

The first semester can be challenging; taking care of your e-Chug requirement can make it less so. If you have any questions about the e-Chug requirement, speak with your advisor or call the counseling center at (715) 232-2468.



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# Nationwide student walkout

By Lauryn Seering  
Editor-in-Chief

Starting on Wall Street and ricocheting to over 100 college campuses across the country, students are now showing their support for the Occupy Wall Street movement.

According to CBS, this rally gained thousands of supporters. The strong solidarity between protesters mimics the Madison protests in Wisconsin earlier this year.

Students are speaking their minds about the constantly rising tuition, the unmanageable interest rates of student loans and the difficulty in finding decent jobs after graduation. People who attend the protests are teachers, students, clergy or simply New Yorkers. They usually don zombie get-ups and posters with humorous and sarcastic commentary. Most clutch spoof papers that read, "The Occupied Wall Street Journal."

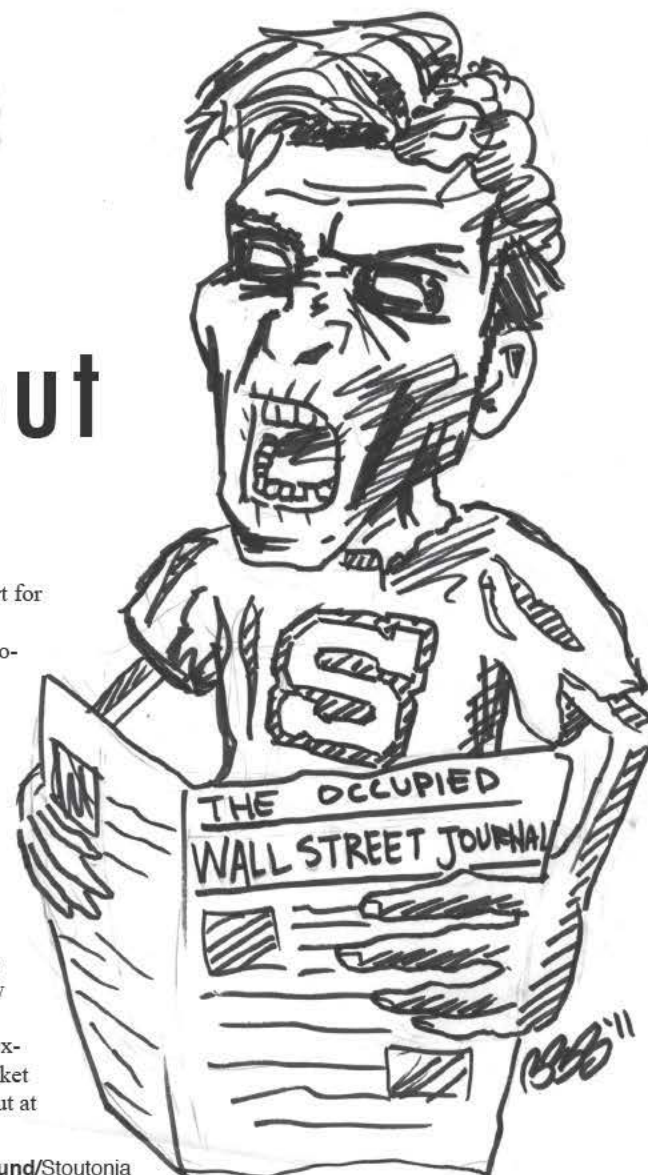
This can be relatable to most students at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, no matter their major.

Every year, the cost of tuition per credit rises, and it's starting to make college a trend for the elite. Simple middle class folk no longer possess the funds to send their kids to college and have them walk away with little to no debt.

With the economy being the way it is, grants and scholarships are drying up. Every year, the amount of aid a student receives decreases, even as the reciprocity between Minnesota and Wisconsin ends. Many are being forced to drop out of school to go back to a university in their home state, which can hurt their chances of graduating in four years. When you transfer schools, sometimes credits you earned in one place don't count at another. These understandable difficulties have nationwide attention now, with new schools forming "Occupy College" groups everyday.

This makes me feel relieved that I attend UW-Stout. Unlike other schools, this institution does an excellent job teaching you exactly what you need to know to get a job. It doesn't just teach you specific skills related to your major- it teaches you how to market yourself and how to make an impression on employers. This doesn't really help when you get around to paying that tuition bill, but at least we have a higher chance of getting a job that will pay our debts.

Have an opinion about "Occupy Wall Street?" Log on to Stoutonia-Online to add a comment.



Lenn Soderlund/Stoutonia



# Firefly, fascism and failing...

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Opinions Editor

On Sept. 12, 2011, deep inside the shady corridors of Harvey Hall, the University of Wisconsin-Stout confronted a threat so grave that it had the potential to destroy everything within a one-mile radius. Realizing this, Chancellor Sorensen sent in the SWAT team to rectify the situation. After a tense standoff, the threat was eliminated and the day was saved.

Of course, this isn't exactly how it went down. The "threat" was actually a mere poster hanging on UW-Stout theater professor Jim Miller's door that depicted a quote from the sci-fi TV series "Firefly" (center). In fact, this whole controversy might have been avoided if the poster had specified the source of the quote. Nonetheless, a simple Google search would have sufficed. Instead, the UW-Stout administration decided to take the ignorant route and threaten Miller with charges of disorderly conduct.

Wow, talk about a misunderstanding.

Somehow, the UW-Stout administration thought they were in the right. Though, I will admit, if you don't understand the context of the quote, it does sound a bit sketchy the first time you hear it. I can see this as being a rather

**"You don't know me, son,  
so let me explain this to you  
once: If I ever kill you, you'll  
be awake. You'll be facing  
me. And you'll be armed."**

**-Firefly**

unfortunate misunderstanding, but the administration's next blunder befuddles me.

To express his frustration, Miller put up another poster to mock the UW-Stout's administration's "fascist" decision to censor his initial poster. The sickening, stupid, indisputable irony is that UW-Stout Chief of Police Lisa Walter's

decision to once again remove the new poster only strengthened Miller's point. In essence, this is what really ignited the entire controversy and threw UW-Stout's administration into a non-stop barrage of insults.

On Oct. 4, UW-Stout issued a formal statement on the "Firefly" Poster Incident," as the administration named it. The statement almost reads like an apology, except it doesn't really apologize for anything. Instead, it states that the university "has reconsidered its decision to remove the two posters from outside the professor's office." It also states that "a new protocol is being developed in the hopes that a similar situation can be avoided in the future." Does UW-Stout really need a protocol to figure out how to respect the First Amendment?

Fortunately, it's finally clear that Miller wasn't threatening anyone after all. Throughout this entire debacle, it seems the only thing truly threatened was the level of respect owed to the members of UW-Stout's administration that carried out these blatant attacks on the freedom of speech. At least they finally admitted it... kinda.



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## ~Freedom of speech quotes~

"Censorship reflects society's lack of confidence in itself. It is a hallmark of an authoritarian regime." -Potter Stewart

"I am thankful for all the complaining I hear about our government because it means we have freedom of speech." -Nancie J. Carmody

"Censorship ends in logical completeness when nobody is allowed to read any books except the books that nobody reads." -George Bernard Shaw

"Censorship is never over for those who have experienced it. It is a brand on the imagination that affects the individual who has suffered it, forever." -Nadine Gordimer

"Censorship is to art as lynching is to justice." -Henry Louis Gates

"People demand freedom of speech as a compensation for the freedom of thought which they seldom use." -Soren Kierkegaard

"To suppress free speech is a double wrong. It violates the rights of the hearer as well as those of the speaker." -Frederick Douglass

"If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter." - George Washington

"Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves." -Abraham Lincoln

"I was pretty excited to finally reveal myself to the public-as you could imagine I stick out pretty bad and it was getting rather difficult to keep under wraps. So that was challenging. I really enjoyed the crowd and their excitement level. It was a hell of a time! It's nice to feel accepted instead of feared all the time. I'm really a nice devil once you get to know me. I'm hoping to get the crowd more involved than in past years and I'm working on a few things, but so far most of my ideas (like human sacrifices and so on) have been frowned upon. We'll see, though. Hopefully I can pull a few strings. If anyone out there needs to make a deal, you know where to find me. Hope to see you guys out there." -Devil D



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1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #7	\$225	\$225	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR
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1	1	119 West Main Street #1	\$300	\$300	Large studio, close to campus and downtown, parking	3
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #1	\$300	\$300	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great view	6
1	1	702 4th Street E	\$305	\$305	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, downtown	6
1	1	1506 1/2 6th Street E	\$325	\$325	Spacious apt, great location, large front porch and storage	D
1	1	115 1/2 West Main Street	\$330	\$330	Nice, large apartment, close to campus and downtown	3
1	1	802 6th Avenue #1	\$350	\$350	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6
1	1	802 6th Avenue #2	\$350	\$350	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #2	\$350	\$350	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A
1	1	1203 1/2 14th Avenue East	\$350	\$350	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, off-street parking	D
1	1	802 6th Avenue #3	\$360	\$360	Nice-sized efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	\$380	\$380	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	\$385	\$385	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	\$390	\$390	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, great apt	6
1	1	1221 7th Street E	\$395	\$395	Very large, nice, hardwood floors, incl. WSG, heat, parking	4
1	1	1520 7th Street E	\$395	\$395	Nice apartment w/ garage, washer/dryer, close to campus	D
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #5	\$395	\$395	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great apt	6
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	\$395	\$395	Efficiency, new carpet, includes WSG & heat, great location	A
1	1	1520 1/2 7th Street E	\$395	\$395	Nice apartment w/ garage, washer/dryer, close to campus	D
1	1	1218 1/2 9th Street E	\$395	\$395	Large upper duplex w/ den, parking, lawn care, great location	D
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	\$425	\$425	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	\$425	\$425	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, close to campus	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	\$425	\$425	Efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$425	\$425	Studio, includes WSG, heat & parking, great location	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	\$435	\$435	Efficiency includes utilities & parking, great apartment	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	\$445	\$445	Great efficiency w/ loft & balcony, includes util. & parking	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	\$445	\$445	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, private entrance	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	\$445	\$445	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, close to campus	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #5	\$445	\$445	Studio, includes WSG, heat & parking, close to campus	A
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	\$455	\$455	Nice apt, all new flooring & parking, WSG, HW & heat incl.	6
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #1	\$455	\$455	Great location w/ parking, includes WSG & heat	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	\$475	\$475	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #6	\$485	\$485	Nice, large apt incl. WSG & heat, close to campus, parking	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #7	\$495	\$495	Nice, large apt, includes utilities, parking, private entrance	8
1	1	333 1/2 Main Street #1	\$495	\$495	Large, desirable downtown apt, includes WSG & heat	A
1	1	333 1/2 Main Street #2	\$495	\$495	Large, desirable downtown apt, includes WSG & heat	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	\$555	\$555	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities & parking	8
2	1	119 West Main Street #2	\$360	\$180	Close to campus and downtown, basement storage	3
2	1	113 West Main Street	\$365	\$183	Close to campus and downtown, some upgrades	3
2	1	115 West Main Street	\$375	\$188	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	3
2	1	1203 14th Avenue East	\$410	\$205	Large lower duplex, good-sized rooms, off-street parking	D
2	1	1506 6th Street E	\$425	\$213	Large rooms, enclosed front porch, storage, large yard	D
2	1	2121 5th Street #A	\$450	\$225	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4
2	1	2121 5th Street #B	\$450	\$225	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4
2	1	1803 1/2 7th Street E	\$460	\$230	Nice apartment, new carpet, washer/dryer, parking	D
2	1	619 13th Avenue E	\$475	\$238	Incl. heat, WSG, hot water, excellent location w/ parking	4
2	1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	\$475	\$238	Nice apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
2	1	619 1/2 13th Avenue E	\$485	\$243	Nice-sized rooms, great location, WSG, heat & HW incl.	4
2	1	1415 4th Street West	\$490	\$245	Apartment w/ garage/parking, good location, nice floor plan	D
2	1	414 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$490	\$245	Large apt, nice-sized rooms, parking, lawn care included	D
2	1	208 1/2 13th Avenue West	\$500	\$250	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, new paint, parking	D
2	1	1221 1/2 7th Street E	\$515	\$258	Nice, large apt, porch, WSG, heat, HW & parking included	4
2	1	620 15th Avenue E	\$525	\$263	Upper duplex, very nice, large rooms & closets, parking	D
2	1	1502 10th Street E	\$525	\$263	Cute house, new carpet, den, garage, behind Lammer's	H
2	1	1307 South Broadway	\$550	\$275	Nice house, recently remodeled, W/D, parking, great location	H
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #1	\$560	\$280	Cute apt, private entrance, parking, heat, WSG & HW incl.	6
2	1	802 6th Avenue #6	\$560	\$280	Nice apartment, large rooms, utilities & parking included	6
2	1	147 1/2 Main Street #C	\$560	\$280	Large, very nice, new carpet, W/D in bldg, includes WSG	A
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #2	\$570	\$285	Ground level apt, large rooms, parking, heat, WSG & incl.	6
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #5	\$570	\$285	Nice, good-sized apt w/ parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #6	\$570	\$285	Great apt, new shower, parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6
2	1	802 6th Avenue #5	\$575	\$288	Great apartment, huge rooms, includes utilities & parking	6
3	1	2215 1/2 5th Street E	\$425	\$142	Lower duplex, good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	119 West Main Street #3	\$550	\$183	Nice apt, good-sized rooms, close to campus & downtown	3
3	1	1311 South Broadway	\$555	\$185	Nice house, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	2215 5th Street E	\$600	\$200	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, W/D hook-ups, parking	D
3	1	220 12th Avenue West	\$630	\$210	Large lower duplex, washer/dryer, parking, great location	D
3	1	220 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$630	\$210	Upper duplex, incl. W/D, off-street parking, great location	D
3	1	321 13th Avenue West	\$675	\$225	Super location, washer/dryer, off-street parking, nice yard	H
3	1	802 6th Avenue #4	\$675	\$225	Nice apt, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A

## NOTES:

- 1.) All leases start **6/1/2012** unless noted.
- 2.) Prices are based on rent being paid when due.
- 3.) "Per Person" prices are based on a group lease with one person per bedroom.
- 4.) All prices are for 12-month leases (10-month leases are available for a higher price).

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S/EA=studio or efficiency apartment; A=apartment (usually downtown); H=house;  
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w/d=washer/dryer.

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3	1	147 1/2 Main Street #B	\$675	\$225	Nice rooms & closets, includes WSG, laundry in building	A
3	1	814 1/2 10th Street E	\$675	\$225	Upper duplex, recently remodeled, large rooms, very nice	D
3	1	208 13th Avenue West	\$690	\$230	Large lower duplex, washer/dryer, large rooms, parking	D
3	1	1503 7th Street E	\$720	\$240	Nice, lower duplex, hardwood floors, new siding, parking	D
3	1	414 12th Avenue West	\$735	\$245	Very nice apt, hard wood floors, garage, lawn care included	D
3	1	1312 6th Street E	\$750	\$250	Nice house, porch, big back yard, parking, close to campus	H
3	2	421 13th Avenue West	\$850	\$283	Nice house, large rooms, parking & lawn care included	H
3	1.5	1110 7th Street E	\$950	\$317	Nice, spacious & well-maintained, washer/dryer & garage	H
4	1	1120 15th Avenue E	\$650	\$163	Good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, off-street parking	D
4	1	1115 14th Avenue E	\$650	\$163	Large rooms, washer/dryer, screened-in porch, garage	H
4	1	1508 10th Street E	\$650	\$163	Nice layout, new flooring, washer/dryer hook-ups, parking	H
4	1	1809 6th Street E	\$690	\$173	New flooring throughout, washer/dryer, off-street parking	H
4	1	309 14th Avenue West	\$740	\$185	Washer/dryer, room for storage, parking, good location	H
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #1	\$820	\$205	\$1,060 with utilities. Nice & spacious, W/D, A/C, parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #2	\$820	\$205	\$1,060 with utilities. Nice & spacious, W/D, A/C, parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #3	\$820	\$205	\$1,060 with utilities. Nice & spacious, W/D, A/C, parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #4	\$820	\$205	\$1,060 with utilities. Nice & spacious, W/D, A/C, parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #5	\$820	\$205	\$1,060 with utilities. Nice & spacious, W/D, A/C, parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #6	\$820	\$205	\$1,060 with utilities. Nice & spacious, W/D, A/C, parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #7	\$820	\$205	\$1,060 with utilities. Nice & spacious, W/D, A/C, parking	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #8	\$820	\$205	\$1,060 with utilities. Nice & spacious, W/D, A/C, parking	8
4	2	1319 8th Street E	\$820	\$205	Nice, good-sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H
4	1	1215 10th Street E	\$840	\$210	3-season porch, built-ins, W/D, storage, garage, large yard	H
4	1	1600 10th Street E	\$860	\$215	Remodeled kitchen & bath, nice-sized rooms, washer/dryer	H
4	1	1216 6th Street E	\$880	\$220	Good-sized rooms, porch, across from campus, parking	H
4	1	1509 South Broadway	\$940	\$235	Large house, nice inside, big rooms, great location, parking	H
4	1	2235 South Broadway	\$960	\$240	Great house, good-sized rooms, W/D, basement, parking	H
4	1.5	1615 7th St E	\$1,000	\$250	Large living room, basement, W/D, garage, great location	H
4	2	1620 6th Street E	\$1,020	\$255	Great house, nice-sized rooms, washer/dryer, garage	H
4	2	1702 6th Street E	\$1,020	\$255	Spacious house, huge rooms, den, W/D, off-street parking	H
4	1	1114 7th Street E	\$1,040	\$260	Nice house, front porch, garage, washer/dryer, nice yard	H
4	2	602 12th Avenue East	\$1,050	\$263	Large bedrooms, new kitchen floor, W/D, close to campus	D
4	2	1317 8th Street E	\$1,080	\$270	Great house, den, W/D, carport, deck, good location	H
4	2	1515 6th Street E	\$1,100	\$275	Spacious house w/ den, W/D, parking, close to campus	D
4	3	147 1/2 Main Street #A	\$1,100	\$275	Great apt, huge rooms, W/D on site, incl. WSG, parking for 2	A
4	2	1021 8th Street E	\$1,120	\$280	Great house, nice rooms, W/D, screened porch, big deck	H
4	2	1508 8th Street E	\$1,150	\$288	Just remodeled, hardwood, W/D, garage, lawn care included	H
4	2	1415 8th Street E	\$1,200	\$300	BEAUTIFUL & NEW! Very nice, large rooms, W/D, parking	D
4	2	332 1/2 Main Street E	\$1,200	\$300	Huge! Fantastic downtown apartment, W/D, parking for 3	H
5	1.5	221 4th Street West	\$750	\$150	North campus, W/D, porch, basement storage, parking	H
5	2	2303 3rd Street	\$920	\$184	Big house w/ washer/dryer, fenced yard, large 2-car garage	H
5	2	2006 5th Street #A	\$950	\$190	Large house, good-sized rooms, W/D, off-street parking	3
5	2	1311 South Broadway	\$1,000	\$200	Nice house, washer/dryer, parking, across from campus	H
5	2	814 10th Street	\$1,100	\$220	Desirable house, washer/dryer, fenced yard, garage	D
5	2.5	1502 7th Street E	\$1,100	\$220	New bath floors, W/D, porch, den, large yard, good location	H
5	2	1521 8th Street	\$1,100	\$220	Nice-sized rooms, new paint, W/D, big yard, good location	H
5	1.5	1115 6th Street	\$1,125	\$225	Very desirable, washer/dryer, very close to campus	H
5	2	1403 6th Street E	\$1,150	\$230	Big rooms, front porch, W/D hook-ups, parking, great location	H
5	2	208 13th Avenue West	\$1,200	\$240	Good-sized bedrooms, W/D, front porch, close to campus	H
5	2	1803 7th Street	\$1,200	\$240	Large house, good location, parking, W/D, 2 HUGE bedrooms	D
5	2	607 13th Avenue East	\$1,250	\$250	Great location, nice house, new paint, W/D, parking	H
5	2	414 12th Avenue West	\$1,250	\$250	Cute house, big rooms, porch, garage, lawn care included	H
5	1.5	1107 2nd Street West	\$1,250	\$250	Nice-sized rooms, good layout, excellent location, W/D	H
5	2	1208 9th Street E	\$1,250	\$250	Beautiful house, well-maintained, W/D, dishwasher, garage	H
5	2	2006 5th Street #B	\$1,250	\$250	Very nice apt, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, has everything!	3
5	2	2006 5th Street #C	\$1,250	\$250	Very nice apt, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, has everything!	3
5	2.5	902 Main Street E	\$1,300	\$260	Awesome house! New carpet, huge rooms, garage and more	H
5	2	1309 8th Street E	\$1,350	\$270	Very nice, great location, W/D, garage, lawn care included	H
5	2	321 14th Avenue West	\$1,375	\$275	Great house, nice rooms, W/D, parking, close to campus	H
5	2	1708 6th Street #A	\$1,375	\$275	Fabulous apt, W/D, large rooms, parking, has everything!	D
5	2	1708 6th Street #B	\$1,375	\$275	Fabulous apt, W/D, large rooms, parking, has everything!	D
6	2	1402 8th Street E	\$850	\$142	Corner lot, washer/dryer, off-street parking, full basement	H
6	2	504 10th Street E	\$900	\$150	Huge house, big rooms, W/D, basement storage, parking	H
6	2	220 12th Avenue West	\$1,050	\$175	2 full kitchens, 2 washer/dryer sets, parking, great location	H
6	2	1603 7th Street E	\$1,050	\$175	Great house, washer/dryer, fireplace, off-street parking	H
6	2	115 17th Avenue West	\$1,100	\$183	Nice house, great location, W/D, front porch & garage	D
6	2	321 20th Avenue #A	\$1,100	\$183	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #B	\$1,100	\$183	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #C	\$1,100	\$183	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #D	\$1,100	\$183	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	1602 8th Street E	\$1,200	\$200	Nice house, good location, nice rooms, washer/dryer	H
6	2	1321 9th Street E	\$1,250	\$208	Spacious, W/D, garage, recently updated, great location	H
6	2	415 13th Avenue West	\$1,300	\$217	Big bedrooms, good location, washer/dryer, lawn care incl.	H
6	2	1714 8th Street E	\$1,300	\$217	Spacious house, new paint, big deck, garage, pool table	H
6	2	1415 1/2 8th Street E	\$1,350	\$225	Fabulous apt, W/D, large, nice rooms, lots of parking & more	D
6	2	408 18th Avenue East	\$1,375	\$229	Newly remodeled kitchen & bathroom, W/D, great house	H
6	2	115 1/2 17th Avenue West	\$1,400	\$233	Nice, newer apt, great location, washer/dryer & garage	D
6	2	921 8th Street E	\$1,410	\$235	Great house, big rooms, W/D, large corner lot, 2-car garage	H
6	2	602 1/2 12th Avenue East	\$1,450	\$242	Huge, newer addition, very nice, W/D, off-street parking	D
6	2.5	802 12th Avenue	\$1,600	\$267	Very nice house, remodeled, W/D, rec. room, garage & more	H
7	2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,295	\$185	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H
7	3	1102 10th Street E	\$1,600	\$229	Nice, big house, good-sized rooms, W/D, 2-car garage	H
7	3	1803 7th Street E	\$1,600	\$229	Big house, 2 W/D, dishwasher, 2 HUGE bedrooms, garage	H
7	3	819 7th Street E	\$1,645	\$235	Fabulous house, washer/dryer, big corner lot, 2-car garage	H
7	2	820 11th Street E	\$1,700	\$243	Awesome house! Newly remodeled, huge, W/D, basement	H
8	3	814 10th Street E	\$1,700	\$213	Great house, recently remodeled, large rooms, washer/dryer	H
8	3	1421 South Broadway	\$1,900	\$238	Great house! Big rooms, W/D, across from stadium, garage	H
10	3	1609 6th Street E	\$1,600	\$160	Recently remodeled, 2 living rooms, good location, parking	H
12	4	115 17th Avenue West	\$2,400	\$200	Large house, big rooms, 2 W/D's, porch, garage, parking	H
15	6	2006 5 <sup>th</sup> Street E	\$3,450	\$230	Like 3 apts in one! Spacious rooms, W/D's and much more!	H

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# The best places to view fall foliage in Dunn County

Rose Meier

Entertainment Editor

The air smells crisp and cool. The leaves crunch beneath your feet as you walk along the streets of Menomonie. It's fall, and there are plenty of options for enjoying the changing colors of foliage in Dunn County. The following guide will allow you to explore some of the most scenic areas Dunn County has to offer by foot, bike or car.

Stop in to the Menomonie Area Chamber of Commerce visitor's center on Main Street and ask the friendly staff for assistance in finding things to do in Dunn County. You may want to ask them about the following maps: "Let's Ride in Dunn County," "Cool Cruisin' Dunn County," and "Dunn County Backroads." You can also visit [www.menomoniechamber.org](http://www.menomoniechamber.org).

## Walking

### Red Cedar State Trail

Directions: The depot building/visitor center along Highway 29 on the west side of Menomonie serves as the northern trailhead for the Red Cedar State Trail. Parking and trail passes are available.

Attraction: The 14.5-mile trail is great for a leisurely stroll on what was once a railroad bed.

### Mound Hill Park

Where: Elk Mound

Directions: N435 Holly Avenue, Elk Mound, Wis.  
Attraction: The park offers a scenic panoramic view of Elk Mound and the surrounding area as it is one of the highest points in Dunn County. The castle at the top of the hill was originally built to be used as an observation tower.

### Hoffman Hills State Recreation Area

Directions: 10 miles northeast of Menomonie off of County Road E.

Attraction: This is a great trail for hikers of all experience levels, with miles of hiking trails. The 60-foot observatory tower at the top of the hill is one of the highest peaks in Dunn County that lends one of the best views. Don't miss this time of year to visit Hoffman Hills, and bring your camera.

### Devil's Punch Bowl

Directions: Go west on Highway 29, across the Red Cedar River, turn left onto County Road P, go for a couple of hundred yards, then turn left onto Paradise Valley Road for 1.8 miles – it will be on the left.

What: The Devil's Punch Bowl is a year-round spectacle. This miniature cannon has a small wa-

terfall that was created by the last glacier 12,000 years ago. Today it is a scientific research area.

## Driving

### Rustic Road #89

Directions: Portions of Hofland Road, 410th St. and 420th St. between County Road P and 370th Avenue, the town line road.

Attraction: The road winds south from Menomonie through the bluffs of the Red Cedar River for 5.3 miles. This road will eventually lead you to the Devil's Punchbowl Scientific Study Area.

## Biking

### Logger's Loop

Difficulty: Easy

Distance: 2 miles

Attraction: This trail circles the city of Menomonie offering safe city riding as well as scenic sights on the edge of town.

### Twister Trail

Difficulty: Easy

Distance: 40 miles

Attraction: Twister Trail is an enjoyable route through the village of Colfax. It begins at the Northern edge of Menomonie.

### Gypsy Hill Run

Difficulty: Challenging

Distance: 32 miles

Attraction: If you are up for more of a challenge, ride Gypsy Hill Run. This route is similar to what a pro racer would attempt. The Nature Valley Grand Prix pro bicyclists ride a similar route in Dunn County for the last leg of the race.



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# UW-Stout senior's paintings exhibited at The Raw Deal

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It is rare to find, particularly at the college level, an artist who will base his or her artwork solely on surrealist inspiration the way that Samuel Weinberg has done.

Beginning Friday, Oct. 7, The Raw Deal will play host to a month-long art exhibit featuring Weinberg's surrealist paintings, with a reception from 7 to 10 p.m. marking the start of the event.

Mention a name as famous as Salvador Dali, especially among a group of artistically inclined individuals, and it is almost guaranteed that bizarre images of melting clocks or long-legged elephants will emerge within people's minds. Paintings by Dali portray key concepts, such as the element of surprise or dreamlike qualities, which surfaced in large quantities across the world during the 1920s - a cultural movement known as Surrealism. Surrealism, meant to play with the mind and force the viewers to really think about what they are seeing, is still present in some forms of art today but is usually blended with other types of inspiration specific to each individual.

Weinberg, a University of Wisconsin-Stout senior majoring in studio art with a concentration in painting, conveyed that numerous surrealist artists have had significant influences on his artwork, adding that his paintings could be classified as "modern interpretations

of surrealism." However, a specific painter from the early days of the movement has been dubbed the almighty muse of Samuel's work: Giorgio de Chirico.

"Before surrealism, there was metaphysical painting, which was founded by Giorgio de Chirico - a Greek/Italian painter - and surrealism was really influenced by his paintings," said Weinberg. "I'm more influenced by [de Chirico]'s paintings than [by] what all the surrealists did. I got really interested in how he used shadows and he made a space that is realistic but also a dreamlike place."

Weinberg also named Salvador Dali, René Magritte, Joan Miro and Tyanan Kerr with Andrew Mazorol (two current artists in Minneapolis whom he really looks up to) as other noteworthy catalysts for his paintings.

It was through word of mouth that Weinberg was honored with his show at The Raw Deal. Weinberg explained that, normally, artists will choose locations they would like their work to be showcased, then send a portfolio to those places to be reviewed in hopes that they will be selected for the space.

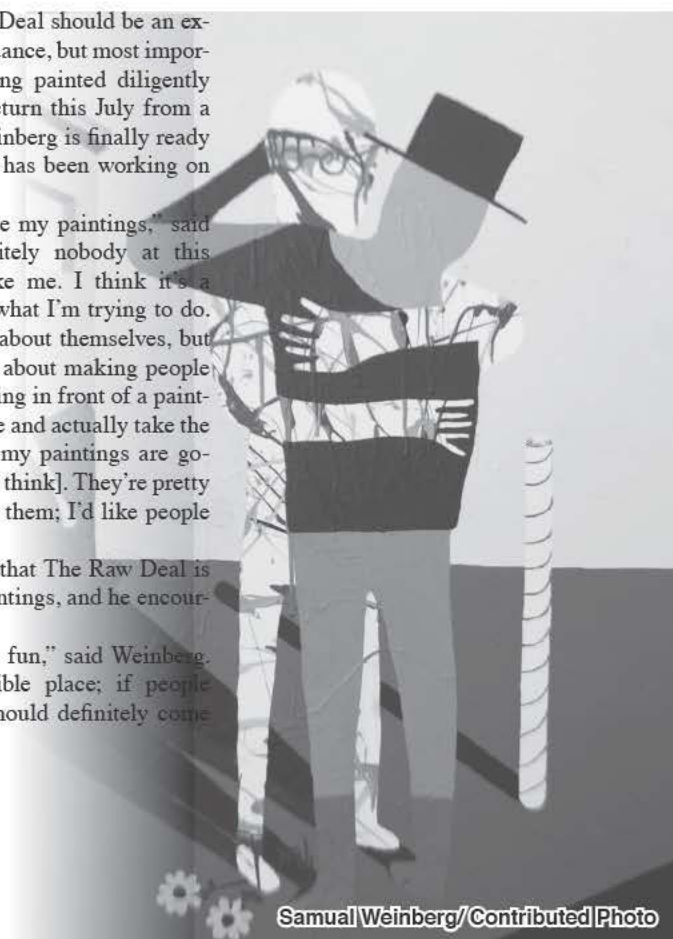
"I was planning on asking them if I could show my work there," said Weinberg. "It's a great space. But my friend mentioned to Hope [an employee at The Raw Deal]...that I was making these kinds of paintings, and she contacted me and asked if I would like to show them."

The exhibit at The Raw Deal should be an exciting event for all in attendance, but most importantly for Weinberg. Having painted diligently on new pieces since his return this July from a semester spent abroad, Weinberg is finally ready to let others view what he has been working on for these past few months.

"People should come see my paintings," said Weinberg. "There's definitely nobody at this school doing anything like me. I think it's a pretty interesting take on what I'm trying to do. The paintings are kind of about themselves, but I think painting should be about making people think. If somebody's standing in front of a painting and wants to stand there and actually take the time to look at it, I think my paintings are going to do that [make people think]. They're pretty strong... I worked hard on them; I'd like people to see them for sure."

Samual is very grateful that The Raw Deal is providing space for his paintings, and he encourages people to attend.

"The opening should be fun," said Weinberg. "Raw Deal is an incredible place; if people haven't been there, they should definitely come check it out."



Samual Weinberg/Contributed Photo

# Movie Review: The Room

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Staff Writer

"The Room" is like a train wreck. You don't want to watch, it's going to be horrible, but you do anyway because you just want to see how bad it is. This movie is directed, produced and written by Tommy Wiseau - horribly, I might add. He didn't even do a good job naming the movie. The room that the characters are in doesn't really hold any significance or symbolism; it's just a room that they're in every now and then.

"The Room" stars Tommy Wiseau, Juliette Danielle and -- I don't know why I'm bothering to name them. Trust me, it's no one you've ever heard of.

Anyway, the movie starts with Wiseau's character, Johnny, coming home and giving his fiancé, Lisa, a dress. The thing about Johnny is that he really never seems like a character because Wiseau's acting is so bad. Everything he said had me laughing, which is probably the best part of the movie, and that's really pathetic if you think about it.

After Lisa gets the dress, she and Johnny go up and have an incredibly awkward sex scene

only five minutes into the film. A couple of minutes later, Lisa calls over Tommy's best friend, Mark, and decides she wants to have an affair with him. Seriously. That's how it happens. There's no chemistry that builds between them, they don't start to like each other as the movie progresses, eventually leading into them having an affair. He literally just comes over and starts having an affair with her. We don't even know he's Tommy's friend when she calls him over, so it's not as shocking as it could have been.

Then we're catapulted into another awkward sex scene only ten minutes after the last one and another one five minutes later, after which nothing important happens for a good while. Lisa's mother drops by and the two have the same conversation about four times; we meet a couple of completely pointless characters, and Tommy starts suspecting his wife may be unfaithful. Tommy also greets absolutely everyone by saying "Oh, hi (insert name here)," followed by a bunch of other unimportant crap filled with so many scene transitions depicting the Golden Gate Bridge, I felt like I was watching an episode of "Full House."

Tommy Wiseau was a horrible choice to

play the lead role, even though he directed it and probably just threw himself into the script so he could say he's a movie star. Wiseau is a good 20 years older than most of the other characters, making him incredibly unfitting. Not to mention Johnny and Mark act like a couple of fifth graders when they hang out; they even have their own secret best friends handshake and roughhouse with each other.

Film-making just isn't Tommy Wiseau's lot in life. The guy can't direct, write and he certainly can't act. And yet, that lack of talent really gives this movie its charm. Lines like, "You are tearing me apart, Lisa!", "You're just a chicken, cheep cheep chip cheep cheeep!", and "What a story, Mark!" will stick with me for a long time. I've already downloaded the dubstep remix to my iPod. Seriously, search "Oh, hi Mark" on YouTube, and you'll see what I mean. This is the kind of movie to watch when you're hanging out with your friends and just want to laugh at a bad movie. If you see this movie under the comedy genre, don't fall for it. The makers just tried to pass it off as a dark comedy after everyone laughed at it as a drama.



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## Second annual Oaklawn Acorn Dash 5K and 1-mile event

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The second annual Oaklawn Acorn Dash 5K and one-mile run or walk will take place on Saturday, Oct. 15 at 9 a.m. in Menomonie to benefit the Oaklawn Elementary School.

The Acorn Dash race directors, four Oaklawn Elementary School mothers, hope that the community-wide event will strengthen family bonds.

"We envision something that families can participate in together, to support wellness and fitness," said Joanie Dulin, Oaklawn Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) member. "Last year we had families that were training for the run. They would get out there and do the course. And that is exactly what we are hoping for."

"To show families how fun fitness can be is definitely a goal of ours," said Angie Sampson, another Oaklawn PTO member. "The money is an added bonus to what it does for the wealth of our school and families."

The race directors have been working hard to

provide a morning that is entertaining and fun.

"Our school principal says it's much more than a run — it's an event," said Sampson.

The morning activities start with live music by the Cutaways, a local band, followed by the 5K, the one-mile fun run, a sponsor mascot race and clinics on the grounds.

"The [University of Wisconsin-] Stout hockey team does a clinic, the gymnastics team does a clinic, the National Guard brings pedal carts, Wellness Rocks from Mayo Health Clinic [Red Cedar Health Clinic] will be there, and the Cutaways will be performing," said Sampson. "We are lucky to have about twenty-two sponsors in the community."

Alongside promoting wellness, the PTO has plans of using the raised funds to provide tools and resources that the school would not have otherwise. One goal that Oaklawn hopes to reach is upgrading the school's technology.

"We are hoping to fund some projects at school, in terms of technology...that we wouldn't be able to do otherwise," said Sampson. "Our class sizes are larger than our com-

puter labs. We have hopes to extend that so a full class can actually go in the computer lab."

The PTO also hopes for future items in the classrooms and outside.

"We have hopes for smart boards and new playground equipment," said Dulin. "We hope that it continues to be a community-wide event, to recognize it, support it and enjoy it."

Prior to race day, registration with payment will be accepted by mail. Day-of race registration goes from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. for \$25 for one runner or \$50 for a family.

The Cutaways will be taking the stage at 8:30 a.m. to provide live music. They perform a mix of country, rock and oldies.

Food for runners will be provided by Jimmy John's and Subway.

Visit [www.oaklawnacorndash.webs.com](http://www.oaklawnacorndash.webs.com) for the registration form and visit the event's Facebook page for more information <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Oaklawn-Acorn-Dash/125596104140706>.

Events:

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. check-in

8:30 – 11:00 a.m. the Cutaways

9 a.m. 5K

10:00 a.m. one-mile

10:30 a.m. Mascot Race

Late registration after Sept. 30:

Individual: \$25

Family: \$50

Students by Oct. 10th: \$15



Runners sprint from the starting line.

Oaklawn Elementary School/Contributed Photo

## UW-Stout alumnus holds world record



Chris Stevens/Contributed Photo

Chris Stevens, University of Wisconsin-Stout alumnus, holds the 2010 world record for his giant pumpkin at 1,810.5 pounds. Stevens said the most important thing when growing a large pumpkin is getting the correct seed variety. "You can't just grow a regular pumpkin. The seed we have to grow to get them big is Atlantic Giant."



Tessa Sampson and Maddie Green, two participants in the Acorn Dash.



## Homecoming 2011 Recap

Andrew Schneider  
Staff Writer

Homecoming Week 2011 went down without a hitch. From Sept. 26 to Oct. 1, nine student organizations competed against one another in a week-long set of events. Here is a quick recap for you if you missed out.

The Soap Box Derby started at noon on Tuesday. The organizations had to build from scratch, with only materials given, a soapbox car that could be raced down a hill. The American Marketing Association (AMA) won the event with Gamma Sigma Sigma/ROTC close behind.

The Psychedelic Campus Search, which Gamma Sigma Sigma/ROTC won, was a competition that made organizations search around campus to take pictures of things that were specified by clues. Coming in second was Sigma Sigma Sigma/KLB.

When the Penny Wars ended, Gamma Sigma Sigma/ROTC had raised over \$300 and won the event. \$792.45 was raised in total.

The Couch-a-Thon, where organizations have two people sit on a couch for 24 hours straight and decorate their area, started in the cold and rain. Things cleared up, though, and Sigma Sigma Sigma/KLB and AMA tied for first with the best designs. To tough-out the weather, two members of Hansen/Keith Hall had only umbrellas, while other groups sported tents. Gamma Sigma Sigma/ROTC did fine with a large military tent, multiple couches and plenty of room.

Gamma Sigma Sigma/ROTC also won the Medallion Hunt when Ryan Sajdera, an ROTC cadet, found the medallion hidden in a potted plant. The event provided clues to the whereabouts of a medallion hidden on campus.

This was the second year in a row that

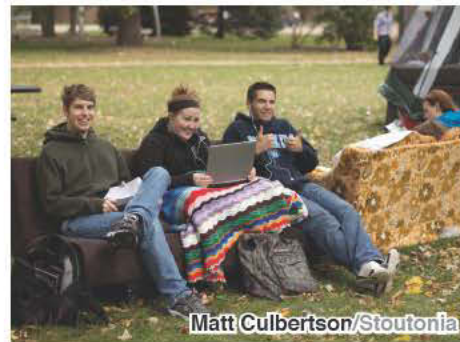
Gamma Sigma Sigma/ROTC won homecoming. Laura Miller was one of the ROTC cadets who credited the victory to ROTC's leadership abilities, saying, "I think that the program has taught us how to plan and organize effectively, which is what an organization needs to do during homecoming."

On Saturday afternoon, during the homecoming football game against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, the homecoming court was recognized during halftime and the \$792.45 check from the money raised during the penny wars was presented to the Special Olympics.



Andrew Schnieder/Stoutonia

Special Olympics receiving check.



Matt Culbertson/Stoutonia

### 2011 Homecoming Results:

- 1st place with 363 points, Gamma Sigma Sigma & ROTC
- 2nd place with 334 points, The American Marketing Association (AMA)
- 3rd place with 333 points, Sigma Sigma Sigma & KLB
- 4th place with 258 points, Delta Zeta & Chi Lambda
- 5th place with 243 points, Alpha Phi & Phi Sigma Phi
- 6th place with 233 points, Hansen & Keith Hall
- 7th place with 197 points, Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA)
- 8th place with 180 points, Residence Hall Association (RHA)



Andrew Schnieder/Stoutonia

Stephanie Tomczyk and Kyla Hays.



Andrew Schnieder/Stoutonia

Gamma Sigma Sigma & ROTC, winners of the 2011 Homecoming.

## Halloween and Pumpkins

Jeff Gebert  
Staff Writer

Pumpkins are a staple of the autumn season, but why exactly is that?

One reason is that pumpkins are harvested mostly in October, which of course is the month of Halloween. But where pumpkins really make a name for themselves is on Halloween night when everyone brings out their carefully crafted jack-o-lanterns and place them on their doorsteps. Jack-o-lanterns, by the way, originate from an Irish folktale, "Stingy Jack."

According to the legend, Stingy Jack had a drink with the devil and instead of paying for it, convinced the devil that he should turn himself into a coin to buy the drinks. Instead of using the coin to buy the drinks, Jack put the coin in his pocket next to a religious cross, which prevented the devil from changing back to his

original form. Jack decided to free the devil under one condition: that the devil promise to leave him alone and not take his soul once he died.

One year later, Jack tricked the devil into climbing a tree and then carved a cross symbol into the tree's bark so the devil could not get down. He let the devil down after he made him promise not to bother Jack for ten years. Once Jack died, God did not want him in heaven because of his despicable tricks, and the devil did not accept him into hell because of their deal. Jack was sent back to Earth with only a burning coal to light his way. He then put the coal in a turnip and has been wandering the Earth ever since. At some point, people in Ireland and Scotland began making their own versions of lanterns carved out of turnips, potatoes or beets. That is how the tradition of carving pumpkins supposedly got its start.

### Fun Pumpkin Facts

- Pumpkins are actually fruits.
- "Jack-o'-lantern" is an abbreviation for "Jack of the lantern."
- The world record for the largest pumpkin weighs in at 1,810 lbs and 8 oz. and is held by University of Wisconsin - Stout alumnus, Chris Stevens.
- French explorer Jacques Cartier reported finding "gros melons" in the St. Lawrence region of North America. Since then, the name has been translated into English as "pompion" and eventually became "pumpkin."
- My mom makes the best pumpkin pie ever. Ever.





# F.R.E.S.H. sustainability group to show film series

Rachel Policano  
Staff Writer

Films & Resources for Encouraging Sustainability & Health (F.R.E.S.H.), comprised of a group of students from the University of Wisconsin-Stout and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, is showing a free, eight-week film series titled "Food for Thought," beginning Oct. 11 in Eau Claire, Wis.

UW-Stout student Catie Rawlins is a member and leader in F.R.E.S.H. Rawlins explained how the film festival began.

"VISTA Coordinator Trevor Peterson, Sustainability Coordinator Sarah Rykal and myself started out small, thinking of showing maybe one or two films, but as we collaborated ideas it began to grow and take on a grander purpose," said Rawlins.

The dominant goal of F.R.E.S.H. is to "educate about sustainable topics and connect people and groups together on a united front for ecological integrity," said Rawlins.

UW-Stout student, fellow F.R.E.S.H. member and Involvement and Leadership Sustainability Specialist Camille Thorson has high hopes for the film series.

"We hope that folks become more aware of the food and nutrients that they are eating, learn about problems we are facing in our current agricultures and discuss collaboratively on how to improve nutrition for a healthy lifestyle," said Thorson.

F.R.E.S.H. wants this film series to "make the local connection between what is seen on the film and what you as an individual can do [in the organic and sustainable food movement]," said Rawlins.

"Hopefully it will educate on the importance of nutrition, supporting local agriculture and non-GMO foods and why these things matter, and how it affects the world on a global scale," said Rawlins.

F.R.E.S.H. is also trying to get more students to visit the other campuses and meet other students.

"The two cities are so close together, and both are doing great things toward sustainability and community engagement that we want to merge the two for the event," said Thorson.

Because F.R.E.S.H. is presenting the films amidst two major campuses, they hope to have a sizeable amount of people in attendance for each film.

"All of the films we chose were meant to appeal to a wide variety of groups and present a diversity of topics," said Rawlins. "Even if people cannot attend all of the films, they can still get the experience by going to at least one or attend a film they specifically relate to. It's all about food. Something anyone can relate to or have interest in," said Rawlins.

In addition to each film, a speaker has been chosen by F.R.E.S.H. to present a specific topic in relation to the subsequent film. The groups or individuals, however, were chosen for much

more than an introductory purpose.

"[F.R.E.S.H.] wanted to choose the speakers based on their ties to the local community in both Menomonie and Eau Claire, and that could give further insight and be a role model for the film's content," said Rawlins. "Having speakers knowledgeable about the subject can answer questions and foster discussion."

In today's ever-growing "green" world, the population shows an increasing interest in sustainability. Innumerable amounts of people are joining and attempting to sway the interest of others toward this movement in hopes of enlightening them about the impact it will have on the future of our planet.

"Hopefully with the speakers and the films it will inspire good changes and provide a foundation for future collaboration," said Rawlins. "While F.R.E.S.H. is not an official group, talking to Sarah Rykal or Trevor Peterson would be the best way to get involved in this or other like events on both campuses."

The first film being showcased in Menomonie on Oct. 18 is called "The Vanishing of the Bees," with the UW-Eau Claire Foodlums Beekeepers. The film increases awareness about the vanishing honeybee population. It follows two commercial beekeepers who strive to keep a healthy bee population. The documentary also explores the struggle between scientists and beekeepers to find a reasoning in the decline of honeybees.

Visit <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=271692649518318> for more information.

Special deal at Waterfront: Bring in the program from the film to Waterfront Bar & Grill, and receive 50 percent off one food item until the kitchen closes. The deal is only valid with the program from that date. The Waterfront will be creating a special local meal that will only be served on the nights of the showings, and the ingredients for this meal will be purchased from the Menomonie Market Food Co-op (right across the street from the Waterfront).

## Film Schedule:

### Forks Over Knives

Tuesday, October 11, 2011 @ 6:30 pm  
Council Fire Room, Davies Center, UWEC  
<http://forksoverknives.com/>

Speakers: Tammy Schwartz, Dr. Laura Bertram, Cheri Dostal, Jeremy Bucholz, and Dr. Robyn Sandin

### Vanishing of the Bees

Tuesday, October 18, 2011 @ 6:30 pm  
Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts, Menomonie  
<http://www.vanishingbees.com/>

Speakers: UWEC Foodlums Beekeepers

### Black Gold

Tuesday, October 25, 2011 @ 6:30 pm  
Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts, Menomonie  
<http://blackgoldmovie.com/http://blackgold-movie.com/>

Speakers: TBA

### Food Stamped

Tuesday, November 1, 2011 @ 6:30 pm  
Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts, Menomonie  
<http://www.foodstamped.com/>

Speakers: Stepping Stones of Dunn County

\*Please bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry to this event

### Dirty Work

Thursday, November 10, 2011 @ 6:30 pm  
Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts, Menomonie  
<http://dirtyworkfilm.blogspot.com/>

Speaker: Deb Wallwork, film director

### Ingredients

Tuesday, November 15, 2011 @ 6:30 pm  
100 Hibbard Hall, UWEC  
<http://www.ingredientsfilm.com/>

Speaker: Vic Price, Out to Pasture Beef

### Lunch Line

Tuesday, November 22, 2011 @ 6:30 pm  
100 Hibbard Hall, UWEC  
<http://lunchlinefilm.com/http://lunchlinefilm.com/>

Speakers: TBA

### Terra Madre

Tuesday, November 29, 2011 @ 6:30 pm  
Davies Theater, Davies Center, UWEC  
Speakers: Nathan Berg and Christian Wise

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Mabel Tainter Ctr, Arts, Menomonie  
<http://www.vanishingbees.com/>

**BLACK GOLD**  
Tue, 10/25 6:30pm  
Mabel Tainter Ctr, Arts, Menomonie  
<http://blackgoldmovie.com/http://blackgold-movie.com/>

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<http://www.foodstamped.com/>

**Dirty Work**  
Thu, 11/10 6:30pm  
Mabel Tainter Ctr, Arts, Menomonie  
<http://dirtyworkfilm.blogspot.com/>

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# Homecoming Game Marks 100 Years of Football

Morgan Pfaller  
Staff Writer

It was an exciting weekend for the University of Wisconsin-Stout as the homecoming game took place on Saturday, Oct. 1st against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Bluegolds. It was a battle between two rival schools that left the Blue Devils with a loss but signified 100 years of football at UW-Stout. Students gathered with Stout parents and alumni at the Don and Nona Williams Stadium to celebrate the special anniversary.

At stake was the "War on 94" trophy with UW-Stout winning the past two battles against the Bluegolds. The proximity of the two schools brought many fans to the stadium to cheer on their team, providing the perfect atmosphere for a team rivalry on the grid iron.

The day began with parents and alumni grilling out and tailgating in the main parking lot, a band played and the spirit squad filled the air with cheers of "Bleeding blue and white." The school mascot had made his second appearance since his Sept. 22nd debut and was found posing for pictures with fans and pumping up the crowd's enthusiasm.

At 1p.m. it was game time, "Let's go Blue Devils" could be heard from the fans as the team warmed up on the field. The stands represented the colors of both teams; however, Stout's students section was dotted with colorful shirts, showing off the personality of every student wearing them and their attitude towards homecoming weekend.

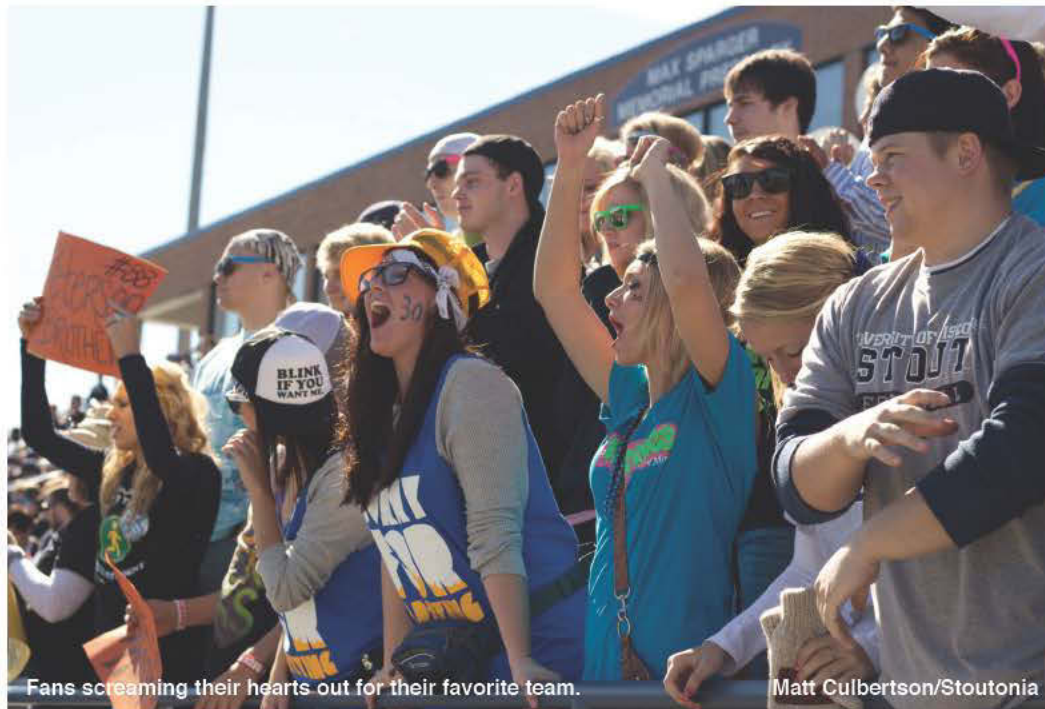
UW-Stout's ROTC led the field as the band played the National Anthem. Then the cheerleaders and dance team led the football play-

ers onto the field, it was game time. The oldest returning alumni players served as honorary captains during the coin flip and all football alumni was recognized at halftime. To honor 100 years of football, the Blue Devils wore throwback jerseys from the days of Stout State when our school colors were red & blue.

UW-Eau Claire won the coin toss and elected to receive the ball. Ricky Marteney, a sophomore from Greenfield, Wis., kicked for the Blue Devils and Mitch Olson, a sophomore from New Auburn, Wis., came in on the return for the Bluegolds.

The UW-Stout band played songs like Tequila and Crazy Train throughout the game to keep the fans pumped. "It's fun to play during the homecoming game, good to have people listening to us play. I look forward to it every year," says Brad Voss, a junior band member.

During halftime everyone was reminded of the history of UW-Stout athletics. The Stout Institute played their first game on Nov. 4, 1911. They played against River Falls Normal School and lost 13-11. Walter Anderson scored UW-Stout's first touchdown, in an 85 yard kickoff return. Stout has won five conference titles-1921, 1941, 1949, 1965 and 200. Stout finally became known as the Blue Devils in the late 1920's or early 1930's. UW-Stout has seen quite a few name changes along the way- The Stout Institute, Stout State College, Stout State University and now, the University of Wisconsin-Stout.



Fans screaming their hearts out for their favorite team.

Matt Culbertson/Stoutonia

This is head coach, Clayt Birmingham's second year leading the team. Birmingham got his start with the Blue Devils after three years as the Blue Devils' defensive coordinator. "Looking back on the game, our kids played hard. We just have to get better at the fundamentals," says Birmingham. "We need to practice and play harder to beat our competition. This is a tough conference and each week is going to get harder. Every day I tell my players to keep working hard."

UW-Stout's defense forced UW-Eau Claire into three turnovers, but their own mistakes in the red zone proved to be the determining factor, as the Blue Devils dropped their conference opener, 24-10 overall. The Blue

Devils' (2-2, 0-1 WIAC) defense forced three Bluegold (3-1, 1-0) fumbles, and capitalized by falling on all three of them. However, two interceptions thrown in the red zone, combined with eight penalties for 90 yards allowed Eau Claire a victory and allowing them to capture the I-94 Battle trophy for the first time since its existence.

"It's hard to see the team lose, especially on homecoming, but I'll always be a Blue Devil fan. Win or lose, homecoming is all about celebration," says Katie Marshall, a junior from White Bear Lake, Minn.

The Blue Devils will be back in action on Oct. 8th when they take on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.



Fans showin' some love.

Matt Culbertson/Stoutonia



Fans cheer in support of the Blue Devils.

Matt Culbertson/Stoutonia



# CHEERLEADERS AT UW-STOUT: SIMPLY A JUMP ABOVE THE REST

Kelsey Penrod  
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout cheerleading squad practiced until 10 p.m. on Thursday in preparation for UW-Stout's homecoming football game Saturday. Rachell Levondoski, the squad's new coach, only has three months of experience with the UW-Stout squad, but she brings cheerleading and dance knowledge to the job.

"You don't need a specific skill to join the squad," said Levondoski. "Everyone works hard and is always up for new ideas."

Each member is required to create a new cheer for the squad to keep routines fresh. "Everyone is willing to help each other out. We all see ourselves as one squad," said Levondoski.

Nine females and three males make up the 2011 squad; the team is young overall, made up of nine freshmen, two sophomores and one junior. Captain Amy Beal, a junior, has been cheering since the age of five.

**"Cheerleading is two units coming together to make one body, a functioning body."**

Gerald "Bear" Johnson

"Cheerleading has always been a part of my life. I love it. I need it," Amy said. "A lot goes into being a captain-lots of dedication, organization and leadership. Everyone on the squad is my friend, but as captain, I have to put my foot down so we can be the best [for the homecoming game]."

"I was hoping to get on the football team," said Gerald "Bear" Johnson, "but I guess this is a good safety net."

"Bear," a UW-Stout sophomore in kinesiology, joined the squad this year instead of the football team because of missed practice time and work conflicts. A transfer student from Kansas, "Bear" has seven years of cheer experience under his belt.

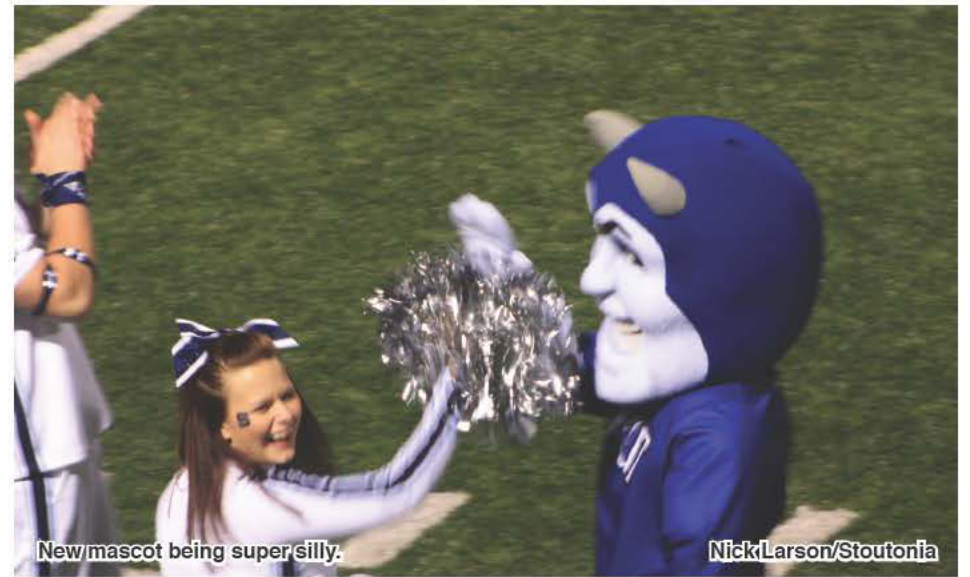
"Cheerleading is two units coming together to make one body, a functioning body," said "Bear."

The homecoming game was filled with new stunts, cheers, dances and skits. UW-Stout's new mascot, who teamed up with the squad to keep the crowd going, was a big part of the game. The squad also tailgated before the game,

promoting community outreach, UW-Stout football and tradition with face-painting stations. For all four quarters of the football game, the squad kept the crowd involved and was at the sidelines during halftime to cheer on the UW-Stout dance team.

Along with the UW-Stout home football

games, the squad cheers on UW-Stout's home basketball games throughout the season. Thoughts of the squad branching out into competitive cheerleading have risen; however, due to time constraints, plans are still in the works and remain a possibility. Look for the cheerleading squad's schedule on the UW-Stout athletic website.



New mascot being super silly.

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Cheerleading squad doing their thing.

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## Ryan Percy: Like No. 54 of the Monsters of the Midway

Kou Yang  
Staff Writer

Growing up in Plover, Wis., Ryan Percy was a fan of the Chicago Bears. He also got to watch two of the greatest linebackers in the history of the National Football League (NFL) Mike Singletary and his idol, Brian Urlacher.

"I watched NFL players and saw how they went on Sundays and gave it their all, and that's who I wanted to be when I grew up," said Percy.

Percy started at a young age, and football grew on him. "I loved watching it, playing it; I loved everything about football," said Percy.

As a player at Stevens Point Area Senior High School, Percy wasn't the biggest linebacker around, but University of Wisconsin-Stout football Coach Clayt Birmingham saw something different in him.

"He had a good nose for the ball. He wasn't the fastest or the hardest-hitting linebacker, but he was very instinctual in high school, and that's why we wanted him," said Birmingham.

Percy chose UW-Stout because of the coaching staff. In fact, he was a part of Birmingham's first recruiting class.

Birmingham has been there every step of the way in Percy's college career. Percy is now a captain and wears number 54, like Urlacher. Percy wasn't just named captain because he brings it on game day. "I practice every day. I never miss practice," said Percy.

"He's a very good leader," said Birmingham. "He brings a lot of energy to the team and he

never has a down day. He's always excited getting after it."

A captain linebacker has to do more than just tackle, of course. "He's very football-smart," said Birmingham. "He's a student of the game, he studies film; he's like a coach on the field, and that's what makes him special."

"Practice like you play" is the motto Percy goes by. "I bring it one hundred percent every practice, as I do every game. Whatever I do, I like to do the right way. If I start it, I want to finish it," said Percy.

In finishing his college football career, there's something that's been eluding Percy. "My ultimate goal is to finish my senior year with a bang and win a conference championship," said Percy.

Urlacher may have been Percy's idol on the field, but off the field he attributes his success to his parents. "My parents have done everything for me, they've been there for me any time I needed it; they are the reason I'm here," said Percy.

Even though Birmingham has coached football at many levels, including Division I college and professionally in Europe, he says that Percy ranks up there with the best of them.

"He's one of the most enjoyable players I've had in my fifteen years of coaching college football. He's an enjoyable person to be around, on and off the field," said Birmingham.

Earning national honors as Defensive Player of the Week is Urlacher-esque, but graduating from college and becoming his own man is much different.



LAST ISSUE: "Blue Devils go 2-1 at UW-River Falls Invitational" was written by Kou Yang, not Morgan Pfaller



# UW-STOUT WATERSKI TEAM IS BREAKING RECORDS AND SCARING KIDS

Kou Yang  
Staff Writer

If you don't know about the University of Wisconsin-Stout waterski team, you *only* missed a couple of broken school records.

Claire Ostrom established the new women's school record in the slalom with three buoys at 30 mph. Ryan Brooks, a senior from Antigo, Wis., set a new men's school record of four buoys at 36 mph, 35 feet off the line.

Taylor Buchinger took fifth overall at the Iowa State Ski Wars. Seth Kaiser, a senior from West Salem, Wis., took fifth overall at

the Great Plains Conference Championships in Wilmington, Ill., and Genna Boeckmann placed sixth in jumping at the same event.

Boeckmann was just seven feet from breaking the women's jump record; she jumped 56 feet this year. "It's going to be broken next year," said Boeckmann. This year was the first time in six years that the team didn't make it to regionals.

What makes the team so successful? "We are fortunate that we have our own ramp, slalom course and we ski right on campus," said Brooks.

The team practices three to five times a week until the ice starts to cover Lake

Menominee and then practice starts back up in the spring when the lake turns green again.

"Nobody wants to get in that lake," said Kaiser, but there is no fear of the green water in this team.

With few tournaments, it is important for the team members to be on their game all the time. "If you aren't on your game, it'll end your season before you know it," said Kaiser.

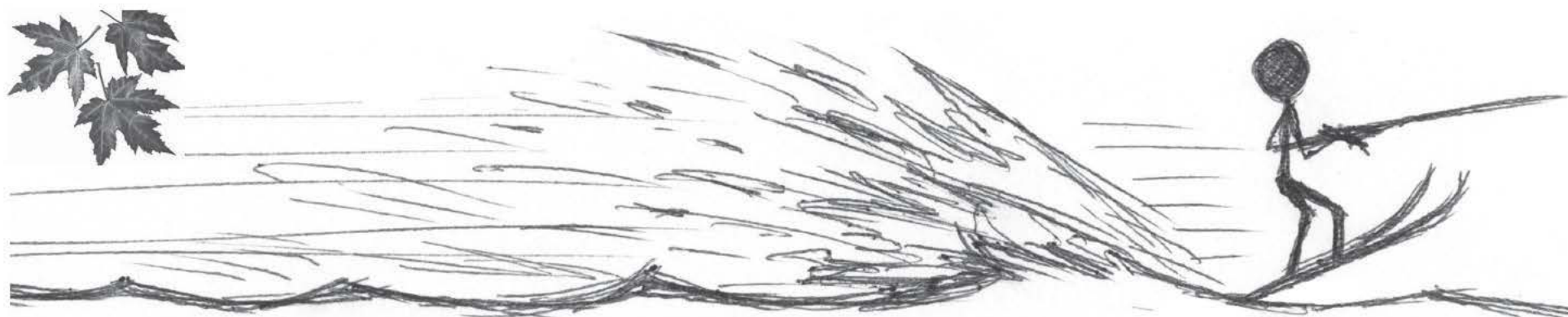
Once the season does end, the team does not stop. In addition to participating in the annual pond hockey, ice kickball and ice softball tournaments, the team gets to scare kids as "haunters" in an Eau Claire area haunted

house and then help take it down.

Fundraising paid off for the team in 2010. "We bought our own boat and that's money that we came up with ourselves," said Kaiser.

Last season Kayla Eernisse, a junior from Cedar Grove, Wis., had never skied before. She scored points at a tournament just a few days after learning some new tricks. How awesome is that? Oh yeah, the team also added a world champion barefooter.

So, if this sounds interesting, give it a try. There's nothing more fun than scaring kids in a haunted house. Oh yeah, skiing is quite the thrill, too.



Jason Pfitzer/Stoutonia

## Blue Devil SCOREBOARD

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Emily Crew, a freshman from Maplewood, Minn. and Kate Mikutowski, a junior from Stillwater, Minn., led the University of Wisconsin-Stout's offensive attack, but the Blue Devils lost a pair of five-set matches Saturday, Oct. 1st at Carleton College. The Blue Devils lost 25-20, 19-25, 25-23, 14-25, 15-12 to Buena Vista, then lost to host Carleton, 25-18, 17-25, 21-25, 25-23, 15-11. Both Crew and Mikutowski recorded 13 kills against Buena Vista and 15 kills against Carleton. Morgan Denny, a freshman from Luck, Wis., had six kills against Buena Vista and seven against Carleton, but also had four block assists against both teams. Megan Shanahan, a junior from Norwood-Young America, Minn., recorded 21 digs against Buena Vista and 23 against Carleton.

Next game: UW-Stout will host the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Friday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m.

### MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's cross country team took third place at the 22-team University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Blugold Invitational at Whitetail Golf Club Friday, Sept. 30. Three Blue Devils had top-25 place finishes, five finished in the top 50 and seven finished in the top 100 out of 372 runners. As a team, UW-Stout finished ahead of regionally ranked UW-Eau Claire, St. John's University and Luther College.

Next game: UW-Stout is off until Saturday, Oct. 15 when they compete at the UW-Oshkosh Brooks Invitational in Winneconne, the site of the 2011 NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships.

### WOMEN'S GOLF

After the first day at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Mad Dawg Invitational, the University of Wisconsin-Stout was in sixth place. Brittany McNett-Emmerich, a freshman from Madison, Wis., and Kitty Nicastro, a senior from Mondovi, Wis., were tied for ninth place with an 85. Mariah Chelsey, a freshman from Mankato, Minn., and Meghan Whittaker, a junior from Duluth, Minn., were tied for 23rd with an 89. Becca Eggers, a junior from Rosemount, Minn., was 28th with a 90 and Kristine Connell, a senior from Shakopee, Minn., was in 42nd with a 100.

Next game: The team will participate in the WIAC Championships at the Bullseye Country Club in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. Oct. 7-9.



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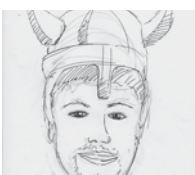
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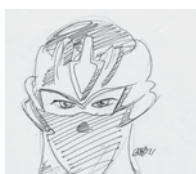
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## ON THE COVER

**Cover photo**  
As Halloween approaches, zombies begin to prowl the UW-Stout campus. A zombified Adam Daniels and Alissa Miller meander outside Harvey Hall, causing a mild panic among class goers. Keep an eye out for various zombie themed activities around campus this Halloween season. Be sure to keep an eye peeled; you never know where you may encounter the living dead.



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## Opening Thoughts from the Editorial Staff

***"It's just a bunch of hocus pocus!"***

—Editor-in-Chief, Laurn Seering

***"It's a full moon tonight. That's when all the weirdos are out."***

—News Editor, Jessica Vaysberg

***"Advice: If you go clubbing on Halloween, don't dress as a cactus."***

—Opinions Editor, Jerad Maplethorpe

***"Who died and made you king of the zombies?"***

—Sports Editor, Morgan Pfaller

***"Hi, I'm Chucky. Wanna play?"***

—Entertainment Editor, Rose Meier

***"There are three things I have learned never to discuss with people: religion, politics, and The Great Pumpkin."***

—News Layout Designer, Nate Eul

***"How old is too old for trick-or-treating? Big kids like candy too, yo."***

—Allie Schrader, Chief Copy Editor

## New system available to pay tuition

Claire Mathiowetz  
Staff Writer

As the last of the leaves are starting to fall on the University of Wisconsin – Stout campus, students are preparing not only for fall but also paying for tuition. This year, UW-Stout has a new way for students to pay their tuition online.

UW-Stout has implemented the Secure Vault Payments (SVP) method, which allows students and/or their parents to pay tuition online without providing any of their financial information to the university, such as credit card, savings or checking account information. SVP uses a consumer online bank account at U.S. Bank or any SVP-enabled financial institution. UW-Stout is the first school in the Midwest to use this method.

The SVP system is provided by eWise, the electronic banking association that is the exclusive network provider for SVP, according to the U.S. Bank news release.

Director of Student Business Services Rick Olson said, "The biggest reason that we chose SVP is because the chancellor wanted us to find an easier, inexpensive way for students to make payments."

Angela Marsh, who works for U.S. Bank, said, "We believe there is a distinct purpose and benefit using SVP over other methods. For example, if students pay without SVP, there is a fee for using a credit card. This was really a driving force for us, and we felt that before this was an unmet need compared to other payment options out there."

U.S. Bank is one of the first large banks to

offer SVP.

"We've found that a portion of the population prefers to pay bills online, and a portion prefer paying online over going to pay another way," Marsh said.

To use SVP, students first log into Access Stout, go to make a payment, and provided is a list of banks. If the student's bank is on that list, SVP will direct them to their bank's website, where students will log in and initiate the payment from there. Students will then be taken back to the UW-Stout website for confirmation. No bank information will be on the university's website anymore. For students whose bank is not an option on the list, they still have to make a payment the old-fashioned way.

"Students should talk to their bank. There are new banks coming online all the time," Olson said. "If their bank isn't listed, they cannot use it right now. The banks have to sign up with eWise and as more banks get signed on, they seem pretty receptive to the system."

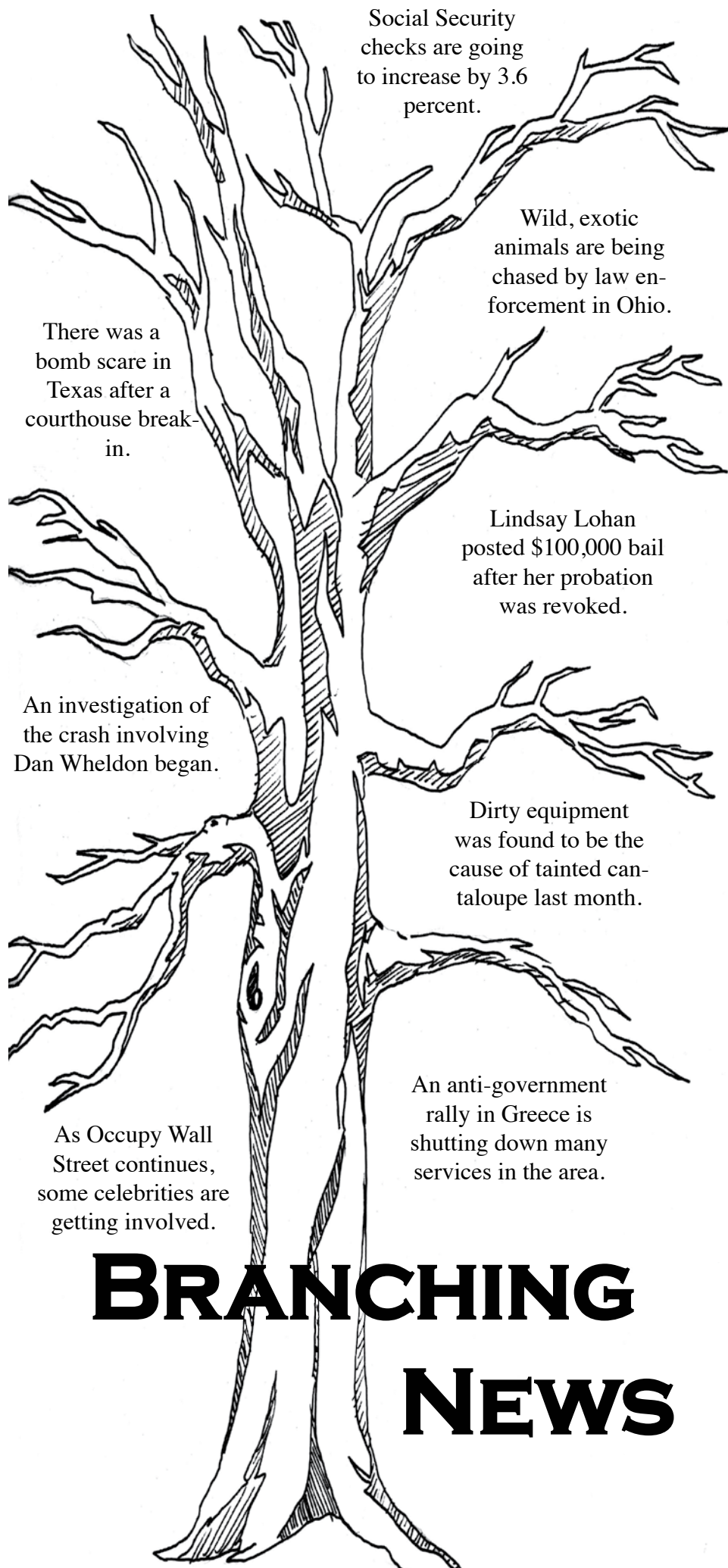
SVP provides UW-Stout with guaranteed payments and access to funds the next business day, according to the U.S. Bank news release.

UW-Stout will soon find out how well the system is working once 100 percent of the fall tuition is paid.

According to the U.S. Bank news release, the Stout Business Services staff received positive feedback from students and parents who have already used SVP. Students and parents said they liked using SVP because they were able to pay directly from their own bank account and there were no convenience fees charged







# BRANCHING NEWS



Lauryn Seering  
Editor-in-Chief

## ~~Smooth~~ CRIMINALS

Tales of stupidity from Menomonie

**A Lucky Laptop Tale**  
10.8.2011

A student dropped off their backpack in their dorm room after class and went to visit a friend, leaving their door wide open. When they came back, it was missing. The backpack held their laptop and cord, five folders of homework, a mouse and graphing calculator. The items, valued at \$2000, turned up later in the day with nothing stolen, which may be the luckiest break ever.

**Those Coveted Permits**  
10.8.2011

Besides student laptops, the second top item that's stolen on campus is parking permits. These expensive permits are filched from purses, backpacks and sometimes even locked cars. Do you know where your parking permit is tonight?

**What a Jerk**  
10.10.2011

Even instructors on campus can be the victims of theft. One professor left their 30 GB iPod and set of speakers in their unlocked office, only to return and find that they had been stolen. You have to be a ballsy student to steal from a teacher—they actually work hard to buy stuff.

**Smelly Smells**  
10.11.2011

An officer was dispatched to a residence hall because a student complained that it reeked of weed. Though the officer could smell the thick odor on the floor, they were unable to locate the specific room that the smell was coming from. For students who think they'll get away with smoking pot in the dorms, don't even bother trying. The minimum charge is \$389.50, and that's only if you don't receive a criminal charge.

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Underage First Degree: 7

Disorderly Conduct: 1

Possession of Marijuana: 1

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia: 1

Speeding: 2

**Sticks and Stones**  
10.7.2011

Unknown perpetrators shattered a student's driver's side window while they were parked in a school parking lot. The window was destroyed by a large rock. Lucky for the owner, nothing valuable was stolen from inside the vehicle.

**Lost and Found**  
10.7.2011

Apparently, October is the unofficial month for losing stuff. Not only have three wallets, two debit cards and several parking permits turned up, but also a random pair of glasses. If you suspect that you've lost something valuable, check out the lost and found in the Merle Price Commons.

**Key Lovin' Klepto**  
10.7.2011

Seven keys in total have been stolen from one of our academic buildings. Though there are no suspects at this time, good luck trying to use those keys to break in. Until the locks are changed, they will be watching that building like hawks.



## Department of Administration (DOA) ordered cuts to the Stout budget on Oct. 14.

Jessica Vaysberg  
News Editor

The UW System as a whole is sharing a total of between \$65.7 million and \$113.2 million in budget cuts. Between \$2.52 million and \$4.35 million are being cut from the UW-Stout budget, on top of a cut of around \$8 million in the 2011-13 budget.

"It is hard to understand why the administration would choose to impose such a large cut on the UW System," Chancellor

Charles W. Sorensen said in a news release issued by UW-Stout.

According to Sorensen, the budget cuts will have serious effects on the university. "The governor has said repeatedly that he wants to help create good paying jobs in Wisconsin, and public higher education has to be a key partner in that effort. But all we seem to get are cuts after cuts after cuts," said Sorensen.

A letter from DOA Secretary Mike Huebsch stated that "high-priority pro-

grams" were excluded from any budget lapse. These programs included aid for K-12 schools, higher education financial aid, technical college aid, certain correctional programs, medical assistance and others.

"It is hard to fathom why higher education in Wisconsin is not a high-priority program," Sorensen said. "How are we going to significantly improve our economy in the state without a healthy UW System?"

"I don't want to think about what that

says about our priorities in Wisconsin," Sorensen said.

The university ordered a hiring freeze until at least Dec. 1 while alternatives are created to address the additional cuts. State agencies have until Monday, Nov. 7 to submit their plans to the DOA on how they will handle the additional cuts.

"We will do everything possible to protect the educational quality at UW-Stout," said Executive Director of Communications and External Relations Doug Mell.

# Scamming students

Laurny Seering  
Editor-in-Chief

Students should be well aware of potential scams around campus, which can be both identified and avoided. On Oct. 10, an unidentified male suspect was reported in both Wigen and Fleming-Hovlid residence halls. The suspect was selling fraudulent magazine subscriptions, stating that he was not only a student but also trying to win a trip to Cancun for Spring Break.

The police reports state that the student received both cash and checks, some of which was up to \$100 from each student. They are unsure of how much money he managed to acquire. The suspect did not leave students any receipts or contact information, simply disappearing in a rush after attaining the money.

After one student confronted him, the suspect fled. Shortly after, the hall directors from both buildings sent emails to their residents. More cases were subsequently reported.

In one case, the suspect told a student that they could send magazine subscriptions to children's hospitals. He told the student that the hospital would send a thank you note for her generous donation.

These scams can be both in-person and online. Point blank, if someone is selling door-to-door inside the residence halls, it's a scam. Vendors need specific permission from the University of Wisconsin-Stout to sell or promote any products on campus. If they don't leave you a receipt after you give them money, it's probably a scam.

Many scam emails have blatant spelling and grammatical errors, making them easy to detect. If you think that you have been scammed on campus, report it to the campus police by calling 715-232-2222, or email [police@uwstout.edu](mailto:police@uwstout.edu).





# ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE



Jessica Vaysberg  
News Editor

More zombies will be walking around campus next week than the typical college students you see running off of nearly no sleep. From Oct. 25-28, students living on campus can participate in a game of Zombie Apocalypse tag.

The event is being coordinated by Leadership & Events, a subgroup of the Residence

Hall Association (RHA) on campus.

"All players begin as humans and one is randomly chosen to be the 'original zombie,' who then tags human players and turns them into zombies. Zombies must tag and eat a human every 24 hours or they starve to death and are out of the game," said Caroline Kroner and Michelle Rademacher, co-chairs of Leadership & Events.

"[The] goal is to turn as many people into

zombies as is humanly possible and to hold their cards," said Kroner and Rademacher. "The zombies win when all human players have been tagged and turned into zombies. The humans win by surviving long enough for all of the zombies to starve."

There will be prizes awarded to the game winners, with two prizes being awarded to the people who turn the most humans into zombies, two being awarded to the players who are

still humans at the end of the game and one participation prize will also be awarded.

"Those winners will be put into a drawing to receive a movie bucket at the end of the game for their category," said Kroner and Rademacher.

The front desk of all of the residence halls will have sign-up sheets from Oct. 17-21. People who sign up will receive name tags in their mailboxes on Oct. 25.

For more information, search "Stout Zombie Apocalypse" on Facebook.



Nate Eul/Stoutonia

Zombies make their way through campus.





Nate Eu/Stoutonia

# Celebrating LGBT Awareness Month

Jennifer Huynh  
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout is celebrating its annual observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender awareness this month. This yearly observance was created in 1994 by a history teacher not from UW-Stout, Rodney Wilson. He wanted to spread awareness for both the LGBT community as well as the rest of the community in regard to the political and social barriers that are being negatively enforced on a daily basis. The celebration was initially a call to action and commemoration. Now, LGBT Awareness Month has become a national effort to show-

**“The purpose of this national march was for visibility. It celebrates the students who are out, coming out and are showing their pride.”**

-Julie Miller

case LGBT role models from the community and engage members and supporters.

LGBT Awareness Month is coordinated by the LGBT Program Office, Gender & Sexuality Alliance (GSA), Pride Alliance and over a dozen co-sponsors at UW-Stout, with a succession of engaging events that received noticeable support from the whole student body.

UW-Stout's Dean of Students Joan Thomas said, “Our campus does do well with national measures with Pride Index, the

national LGBT-friendly climate index, earning a score of four out of five.”

However, this is not to say that there are no bias incidents. There has been an array of incidents targeting many LGBT students.

LGBT Program Coordinator at UW-Stout Julie Miller said, “People don't own up to what they think. Kids speed by in a car yelling out derogatory words or deface a poster, but they will never go up to someone and say what they really feel directly.”

Miller read an email from a UW-Stout student that said, “R U serious? What a disappointment. This is a disgrace to our college campus.”

This is not very common, as this was the first negative email Miller has seen in three years. It was in regard to I Heart Female Orgasm, a sexuality education program held on campus Friday, Oct. 14. Approximately 400 students attended the event.

“I am not upset. I just wish I could reach out and engage them,” said Miller.

Bias incidents create an unfriendly environment for all students, no matter who the bias is directed at.

“Each year, we unfortunately still deal with issues of bias or hate,” said Thomas. “We encourage the reporting of incidents to the Bias

Incident Report Team and we have an online reporting form.”

The Bias Incident Team is a response team of individuals who try to act quickly on bias incidents, and the online reporting form makes it easier for them. In addition, The LGBT Program Office at UW-Stout has helped to make the campus friendlier, ensuring a place for students to seek guidance.

“This program is for folks who want to learn about LGBT issues or learn about supporting those with these issues,” said Miller.

Along with student support, the LGBT Program Office and other co-sponsors have been coordinating the month-long events in October to celebrate awareness. The nationally-recognized event was National Coming Out Day and took place on Oct. 11.

It was celebrated with a march followed by a brief program.

“The purpose of this national march was for visibility. It celebrates the students who are out, coming out and are showing their pride,” said Miller. “LGBT people have no civil rights.”

Other events were also a hit, such as I Heart Female Orgasm, Safe Space, You-Are-Loved Chalk messages, and many more. The LGBT Program Office has garnered much positive feedback and many students attended these events. It just shows how much the student body supports the LGBT community.

“More staff and students have taken Safe



Nate Eu/Stoutonia

A student speaks on behalf of the LGBT group.

Space training to become allies and provide support to LGBT students,” said Thomas.

As students become more aware of the numerous amounts of students who share many of the same interests, despite their sexual orientation, they realize that these students are no different than they are.

“My heroes are the youth who come out of the closet, risking their relationships with family, with friends and in their communities in order to live as authentic, whole human beings,” said Miller. “Coming out is an act of bravery and honesty. These students show tremendous courage and inspire me daily.”



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Julie Miller faculty photo.



# Newly renovated Memorial Student Center to open spring semester

Susan LoRusso  
Staff Writer

Grabbing a bite to eat from The Pawn and bowling or studying in the hallway of the Memorial Student Center may seem like distant memories.

The MSC has been closed since January 2011 for a \$19 million renovation, but according to MSC Director Darrin Witucki, it will be re-opening in the near future.

"It could open as early as the first day of spring semester or as late as the Monday after Spring Break," said Witucki. "It just depends if we encounter any issues. We will have a better idea about opening day closer to Thanksgiving."

Witucki does not foresee any problems, but with a renovation project there is always the potential for unexpected glitches that may alter the project's timeline.

"A building reveals secrets along the way," said Witucki. "Partway through the construction, three beams were discovered that never showed up in any of the plans. No one knew they were there. It's like – oh okay, surprise! But we are working with true professionals, and you just hammer it out."

The effects of closing a building that serves as

the university's center can be felt throughout the campus. Witucki and his staff were responsible for finding temporary homes for all of the student organizations and services who called the MSC home. Most of these organizations and services are now located in the bank building on Main Street and in Price Commons. More importantly, the UW-Stout campus has not had a centralized meeting spot for the past year.

"There wasn't a good alternative to the MSC," said senior Megan Larson. "Concerts, fashion shows and senior shows all had to happen in places where there just was not enough room. I think attendance suffered."

"Having the MSC closed has been really inconvenient," said Mark Parker, also a senior. "There are less places to eat and really nowhere to hang out. Who wants to walk all the way over to the Commons to get something to eat?"

**"No more endless hallways. There will also be 10,000 square feet of lounge space and a lot of technology. There are forty-six wireless access points, outlets are everywhere and every room is state-of-the-art."**

-Darrin Witucki

It may be worth asking if all of the hassle will be worth the wait.

Witucki said, "It will be a stunning transformation - there is a real wow factor."

The latest incarnation of the MSC is dramatically different from the original building, built in 1985. The MSC's design, which had substantial student input, was planned to accommodate today's students and technologies.

"Having natural light was very important. There is light everywhere," said Witucki. "No more endless hallways. There will also be 10,000 square feet of lounge space and a lot of technology. There are forty-six wireless access points, outlets are everywhere and every room is state-of-the-art."

The new MSC will bring UW-Stout into the future, but much of its materials trace back to the past. Wood from the bowling alley is highlighted in the Heritage Café, brick torn down from the existing building was remolded and 1,500 tons of recycled concrete has been repurposed. In addition, exterior columns and an exterior wall are being constructed with ancient sandstone from Dunnville Cutstone, a local quarry.

Sustainability was a key factor in the MSC's renovation. These efforts include: new energy efficient windows, fewer and more efficient air handling units, 48 percent LED lights and the majority of the interior fabrics and materials are recycled and sustainable goods.

The MSC's overall design could be considered sustainable. Witucki said that the future was a consideration in the planning. The renovated MSC will accommodate an increase in the student body and possible new technologies, which will make the building's purpose viable for the next 25 years.

"I think the new MSC will be awesome, and I'm glad future generations will be able to enjoy it. I just wish I would have more time to enjoy it," said Parker.

Other amenities students will enjoy include fireplaces in dining areas, a highly visible grand staircase, an open floor plan and a 600-seat amphitheater.

"The amphitheater is really like a big backyard playground for students," Witucki said. "It can be a hangout spot during the day and will be a great spot for festivals and theater productions."



Nate Eu/Stoutonia

The Memorial Student Center is soon to be open for business.





Alexander Ogundele showing his UW-Stout spirit in front of Bowman Hall.

# Amazing Grace

Alexander Ogundele  
Contributing Writer

"It is a basic fact that you cannot express correctly the taste of nature until you feel and experience it. This will then make you to appreciate the mightiness of the Holy One God, who controls the universe." This was the statement uttered by Alexander Ogundele when he witnessed two natural handiworks of God's creation, beside the snow. Ogundele

is a graduate student in the career and technical education program at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. He came in the spring of 2011 and, since then, has been working hard to make maximum use of his opportunity to study in America. He appreciates the first time in his life of feeling, seeing and touching snow in Wisconsin.

Interestingly, the day he experienced Hurricane Irene was amazing. After he was done for summer classes in August, he went to visit a relative in Maryland, where he experienced, according to him, "life and the direct work of the Almighty God."

Ogundele always cherishes the availability of virtually everything at UW-Stout that makes the college a citadel of learning – the environment, the modern equipment and instruments, the knowledgeable resource persons and the teaching methodology. The tasks at UW-Stout can be very pressing, challenging, demanding and stressful, but "No cross, no crown," as he used to say. He wishes, among other things, that American students would make use of the excellent opportunity that they have and embrace their education.

"I wish that some of these students would cherish what they have and learn better," said Ogundele.

*"Human beings must be known to be loved; but Divine beings must be loved to be known."* - Blaise Pascal

*"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."* - C. S. Lewis

*"I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason and intellect has intended us to forgo their use."* - Galileo Galilei

*"I would rather live my life as if there is a God and die to find out there isn't, than live my life as if there isn't and die to find out there is."* - Albert Camus

*"If Jesus had been killed twenty years ago, Catholic school children would be wearing little electric chairs around their necks instead of crosses."* - Lenny Bruce

*"I am an agnostic; I do not pretend to know what many ignorant men are sure of."* - Clarence Darrow

*"The mystery of the beginning of all things is insoluble by us; and I for one must be content to remain an agnostic."* - Charles Darwin

*"Religion is an illusion, and it derives its strength from the fact that it falls in with our instinctual desires."* - Sigmund Freud

*"Lighthouses are more helpful than churches."* - Benjamin Franklin

*"Faith means not wanting to know what is true."* - Friedrich Nietzsche

*"The fact that a believer is happier than a skeptic is no more to the point than the fact that a drunken man is happier than a sober one."* - George Bernard Shaw

*"Religion is regarded by the common people as true, by the wise as false, and by the rulers as useful."* - Edward Gibbon

# "Atheism is Truth"

Jerad Maplethorpe  
Opinions Editor

During my daily route to class, I walk past a plain sheet of white paper posted on a bulletin board in Harvey Hall that reads "Atheism is Truth" in large, bold letters. Typically I don't think much about it, but the other day I decided to take a closer look. Upon examination, I also noticed a website address printed: www.AtheistsForHumanRights.org. Clearly, there is a statement being made.

I try to refrain from arguments involving religion, theology, metaphysics and the like (people are usually already set in their ways),

but this advertisement, if you can call it that, seems to assert that religion is one of the main roots of human atrocities. While this is true in some regards, there is a fundamental flaw in the organization's overall logic: it isn't religion that causes conflict but rather a stark disagreement in beliefs between two or more sides.

"Because so many violations of human rights have their source in religious authoritarianism," reads the motto at the top of Atheists For Human Rights' website. I don't have a problem with this statement; however, it seems that the organization has postured itself as "us vs. them," which is the original root of conflict. The group seems to ignore all of the

good things that religion has done for humanity throughout history.

Ultimately, my question is why do they assert that you need to be an atheist to improve human rights and curb religious authoritarianism? Don't many religious people desire the same thing?

As an agnostic, I find the bickering between theologians and atheists quite ignorant. Who cares what someone else believes? Certainly striving for proper human rights is a noble cause, but why must it come with the arrogant proclamation that "Atheism is Truth?" We'll find out eventually, one way or the other.

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear University of Wisconsin-Stout faculty and staff,

When free speech and the free exchange of ideas are threatened, particularly within the walls of academia, one must stand up for what is right and true.

Professor James Miller recently displayed both a Firefly and a fascism poster on your campus, and this action has made national news – not because of the strength of the arguments behind them, but because of the actions taken by Chief of Campus Police Lisa Miller, Vice Chancellor Edward Nieskes and Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen.

As a graduate of the University of Wisconsin System, as an academic and as a U.S. citizen, I am appalled by what has happened. The free flow of ideas and the ability to challenge yourself and others to ideas which may be foreign to you are essential to your lives as students. The entire idea behind the higher education system – particularly a public one – is to explore and experiment in ways that excite and revitalize debates and ideas as well as to nurture the expressions of these in a safe arena.

Clearly, what has happened is intolerable, and it diminishes us as experimenters, scientists, artists – in sum, the full range of what we study and teach.

Please know that your voices are being heard, and your oppression is being challenged. Continue to stand up for free thought and the First Amendment right to free speech. You are doing what is right and good, and I applaud you for it

Best wishes,  
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# Yep, this isn't going to work: Tips for choosing good roommates

Jerad Maplethorpe  
Opinions Editor

College teaches you a lot of things, but among the most important is how to live with other people. If you've never had a conflict with a roommate or, at least, some mild disagreement, then you're one of the rare exceptions. This may sound like a mundane topic, but it's lease-signing season, and choosing the right roommates is going to make your college experience that much better.

## Do you want to live with friends?

It's tempting to assume that the best living arrangement will be with your best friends, but, while this is true in many circumstances, it has its downsides. For one, if things go sour in the household, whether it is due to money, sleeping schedules or simply too much time spent together, you may jeopardize a friendship. Roommates tend to bicker, so avoiding the situation altogether is sometimes the better way to go.

## Girlfriend and boyfriend issues

It's a very good idea to talk to your roommates about significant others before moving into your new place together. Specifically, you should discuss how much time a roommate's girlfriend or boyfriend can stay over. You wouldn't believe how often this becomes a huge problem (or, maybe you would).

To avoid this, simply talk to your roommates and set some basic guidelines. After all, if you don't say anything, you can't really blame them.

## Make sure your roommates have similar hobbies and interests

Would your roommates rather watch a movie and relax or go on an hour-long bike ride? Would they rather go out and party or stay in and play board games? Do they like having animals in the house or do animals bug them? When do your roommates prefer to go to sleep? Make sure to go through and evaluate you and your roommates' compatibility. You'll be seeing them a lot.

## Ahh, where did my food go!?

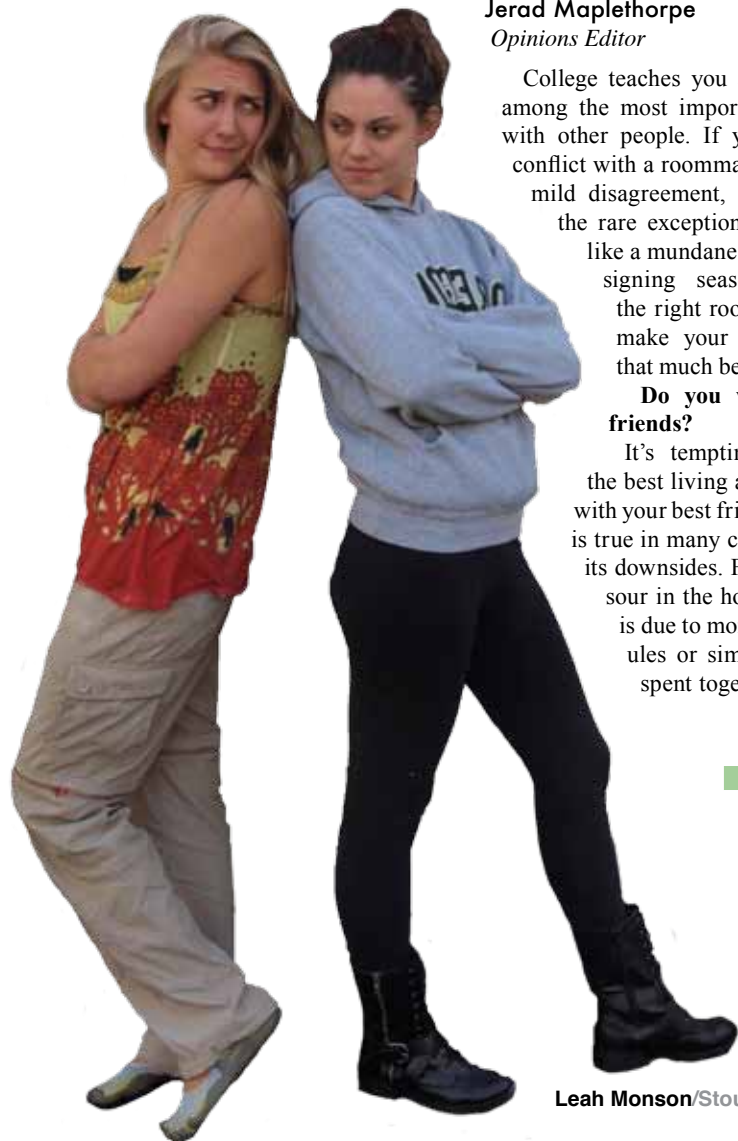
If you plan on sharing food, specify what is communal. If you don't, you may soon find that everything is being "shared." Usually it's a good idea to share condiments, milk, butter, bread, eggs and other cheap, basic items.

It's always a good idea to stash some of your non-refrigeratables in your room for safe keeping if you're worried about them being taken and gobbled up.

## Money is going to be the big issue

Regardless of everything else, the rent needs to be paid on time. Otherwise, you and your roommates may find yourself without a place to live. Landlords will usually be lenient, but the late fees are pretty steep. Make sure your roommates are aware of the importance of paying the rent on time long before you decide to live with them.

Remember, however, that there may be the occasional slip-up. In this case, just make sure your roommate knows how and when they will be able to pay.

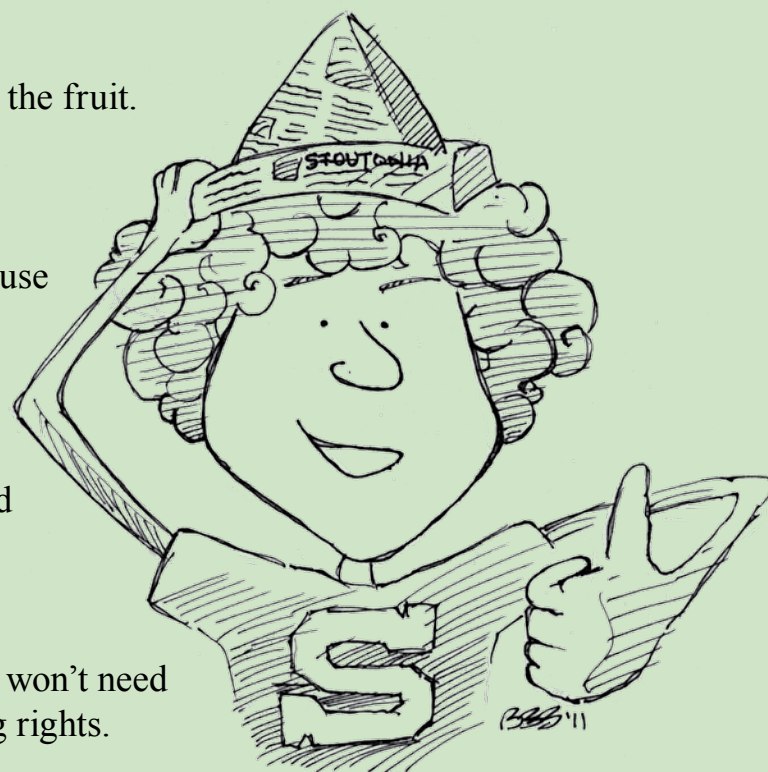


Leah Monson/Stoutonia

# Top Ten ways to recycle the Stoutonia

Laurn Seering  
Editor-in-Chief

10. Protect your table from pumpkin guts while you carve scary faces on the fruit.
9. Make sweet-looking origami hats.
8. Cover your head when it sporadically rains or snows.
7. Use it for packing when moving out of the dorms.
6. Appear well-educated by keeping a newspaper casually around your house or dorm.
5. Creep on that sexy student over its pages while lounging in between classes.
4. Pad your hobo-Halloween costume to keep warm.
3. While applying spray adhesive inside the art building, be courteous and keep the floors clean by putting the paper underneath your art.
2. If you have a pet, use the paper for its toilet liner.
1. Talk with the Stoutonia staff to maybe get published yourself! Then you won't need to recycle the newspaper, because you will want to keep it as bragging rights.





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1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #4	\$220	\$220	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #7	\$225	\$225	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #9	\$235	\$235	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #5	\$250	\$250	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #7	\$270	\$270	Studio, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A
1	1	119 West Main Street #1	\$300	\$300	Large studio, close to campus and downtown, parking	3
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #1	\$300	\$300	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great view	6
1	1	702 4th Street E	\$305	\$305	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, downtown	6
1	1	115 1/2 West Main Street	\$330	\$330	Nice, large apartment, close to campus and downtown	3
1	1	802 6th Avenue #1	\$350	\$350	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6
1	1	802 6th Avenue #2	\$350	\$350	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #2	\$350	\$350	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A
1	1	1203 1/2 14th Avenue East	\$350	\$350	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, off-street parking	D
1	1	802 6th Avenue #3	\$360	\$360	Nice-sized efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	\$380	\$380	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	\$385	\$385	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	\$390	\$390	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, great apt	6
1	1	1221 7th Street E	\$395	\$395	Very large, nice, hardwood floors, incl. WSG, heat, parking	4
1	1	1520 7th Street E	\$395	\$395	Nice apartment w/ garage, washer/dryer, close to campus	D
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #5	\$395	\$395	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great apt	6
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	\$395	\$395	Efficiency, new carpet, includes WSG & heat, great location	A
1	1	1520 1/2 7th Street E	\$395	\$395	Nice apartment w/ garage, washer/dryer, close to campus	D
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	\$425	\$425	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	\$425	\$425	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, close to campus	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	\$425	\$425	Efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$425	\$425	Studio, includes WSG, heat & parking, great location	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	\$435	\$435	Efficiency includes utilities & parking, great apartment	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	\$445	\$445	Great efficiency w/ loft & balcony, includes util. & parking	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	\$445	\$445	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, private entrance	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	\$445	\$445	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, close to campus	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #5	\$445	\$445	Studio, includes WSG, heat & parking, close to campus	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #1	\$455	\$455	Great location w/ parking, includes WSG & heat	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	\$475	\$475	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #6	\$485	\$485	Nice, large apt incl. WSG & heat, close to campus, parking	A
1	1	333 1/2 Main Street #1	\$495	\$495	Large, desirable downtown apt, includes WSG & heat	A
1	1	333 1/2 Main Street #2	\$495	\$495	Large, desirable downtown apt, includes WSG & heat	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	\$555	\$555	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities & parking	8
2	1	119 West Main Street #2	\$360	\$180	Close to campus and downtown, basement storage	3
2	1	113 West Main Street	\$365	\$183	Close to campus and downtown, some upgrades	3
2	1	115 West Main Street	\$375	\$188	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	3
2	1	1203 14th Avenue East	\$410	\$205	Large lower duplex, good-sized rooms, off-street parking	D
2	1	1506 6th Street E	\$425	\$213	Large rooms, enclosed front porch, storage, large yard	D
2	1	2121 5th Street #A	\$450	\$225	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4
2	1	2121 5th Street #B	\$450	\$225	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4
2	1	1803 1/2 7th Street E	\$460	\$230	Nice apartment, new carpet, washer/dryer, parking	D
2	1	619 13th Avenue E	\$475	\$238	Incl. heat, WSG, hot water, excellent location w/ parking	4
2	1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	\$475	\$238	Nice apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
2	1	619 1/2 13th Avenue E	\$485	\$243	Nice-sized rooms, great location, WSG, heat & HW incl.	4
2	1	1415 4th Street West	\$490	\$245	Apartment w/ garage/parking, good location, nice floor plan	D
2	1	414 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$490	\$245	Large apt, nice-sized rooms, parking, lawn care included	D
2	1	208 1/2 13th Avenue West	\$500	\$250	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, new paint, parking	D
2	1	1221 1/2 7th Street E	\$515	\$258	Nice, large apt, porch, WSG, heat, HW & parking included	4
2	1	620 15th Avenue E	\$525	\$263	Upper duplex, very nice, large rooms & closets, parking	D
2	1	1502 10th Street E	\$525	\$263	Cute house, new carpet, den, garage, behind Lammer's	H
2	1	1307 South Broadway	\$550	\$275	Nice house, recently remodeled, W/D, parking, great location	H
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #1	\$560	\$280	Cute apt, private entrance, parking, heat, WSG & HW incl.	6



2	1	147 1/2 Main Street #C	\$560	\$280	Large, very nice, new carpet, <b>W/D in bldg, includes WSG</b>	A
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #5	\$570	\$285	Nice, good-sized apt w/ <b>parking, WSG, HW &amp; heat included</b>	6
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #6	\$570	\$285	Great apt, new shower, <b>parking, WSG, HW &amp; heat included</b>	6
2	1	802 6th Avenue #5	\$575	\$288	Great apartment, huge rooms, <b>includes utilities &amp; parking</b>	6
3	1	2215 1/2 5th Street E	\$425	\$142	Lower duplex, good-sized rooms, <b>washer/dryer, parking</b>	D
3	1	119 West Main Street #3	\$550	\$183	Nice apt, good-sized rooms, close to campus & downtown	3
3	1	2215 5th Street E	\$600	\$200	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, <b>W/D hook-ups, parking</b>	D
3	1	220 12th Avenue West	\$630	\$210	Large lower duplex, <b>washer/dryer, parking, great location</b>	D
3	1	220 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$630	\$210	Upper duplex, incl. <b>W/D, off-street parking, great location</b>	D
3	1	321 13th Avenue West	\$675	\$225	Super location, <b>washer/dryer, off-street parking, nice yard</b>	H
3	1	802 6th Avenue #4	\$675	\$225	Nice apt, private entrance, <b>includes utilities &amp; parking</b>	A
3	1	147 1/2 Main Street #B	\$675	\$225	Nice rooms & closets, <b>includes WSG, laundry in building</b>	A
3	1	814 1/2 10th Street E	\$675	\$225	Upper duplex, recently remodeled, large rooms, very nice	D
3	1	208 13th Avenue West	\$690	\$230	Large lower duplex, <b>washer/dryer, large rooms, parking</b>	D
3	1	1503 7th Street E	\$720	\$240	Nice, lower duplex, hardwood floors, new siding, <b>parking</b>	D
3	1	414 12th Avenue West	\$735	\$245	Very nice apt, hard wood floors, <b>garage, lawn care included</b>	D
3	1	1312 6th Street E	\$750	\$250	Nice house, porch, big back yard, parking, close to campus	H
3	2	421 13th Avenue West	\$850	\$283	Nice house, large rooms, <b>parking &amp; lawn care included</b>	H
4	1	1120 15th Avenue E	\$650	\$163	Good-sized rooms, <b>washer/dryer, off-street parking</b>	D
4	1	1115 14th Avenue E	\$650	\$163	Large rooms, washer/dryer, screened-in porch, garage	H
4	1	1508 10th Street E	\$650	\$163	Nice layout, new flooring, washer/dryer hook-ups, <b>parking</b>	H
4	1	1809 6th Street E	\$690	\$173	New flooring throughout, <b>washer/dryer, off-street parking</b>	H
4	1	309 14th Avenue West	\$740	\$185	<b>Washer/dryer, room for storage, parking, good location</b>	H
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #1	\$820	\$205	<b>\$1,060 with utilities.</b> Nice & spacious, <b>W/D, A/C, parking</b>	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #2	\$820	\$205	<b>\$1,060 with utilities.</b> Nice & spacious, <b>W/D, A/C, parking</b>	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #3	\$820	\$205	<b>\$1,060 with utilities.</b> Nice & spacious, <b>W/D, A/C, parking</b>	8
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4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #6	\$820	\$205	<b>\$1,060 with utilities.</b> Nice & spacious, <b>W/D, A/C, parking</b>	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #7	\$820	\$205	<b>\$1,060 with utilities.</b> Nice & spacious, <b>W/D, A/C, parking</b>	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #8	\$820	\$205	<b>\$1,060 with utilities.</b> Nice & spacious, <b>W/D, A/C, parking</b>	8
4	2	1319 8th Street E	\$820	\$205	Nice, good-sized rooms, off-street <b>parking, close to campus</b>	H
4	1	1215 10th Street E	\$840	\$210	3-season porch, built-ins, <b>W/D, storage, garage, large yard</b>	H
4	1	1600 10th Street E	\$860	\$215	Remodeled kitchen & bath, nice-sized rooms, <b>washer/dryer</b>	H
4	1	2235 South Broadway	\$960	\$240	Great house, good-sized rooms, <b>W/D, basement, parking</b>	H
4	2	1620 6th Street E	\$1,020	\$255	Great house, nice-sized rooms, <b>washer/dryer, garage</b>	H
4	2	602 12th Avenue East	\$1,050	\$263	Large bedrooms, new kitchen floor, <b>W/D, close to campus</b>	D
4	2	1317 8th Street E	\$1,080	\$270	Great house, den, <b>W/D, carport, deck, good location</b>	H
4	2	1515 6th Street E	\$1,100	\$275	Spacious house w/ den, <b>W/D, parking, close to campus</b>	D
4	2	332 1/2 Main Street E	\$1,200	\$300	Huge! Fantastic downtown apartment, <b>W/D, parking for 3</b>	H
5	2	2303 3rd Street	\$920	\$184	Big house w/ <b>washer/dryer, fenced yard, large 2-car garage</b>	H
5	2	2006 5th Street #A	\$950	\$190	Large house, good-sized rooms, <b>W/D, off-street parking</b>	3
5	2	814 10th Street	\$1,100	\$220	Desirable house, <b>washer/dryer, fenced yard, garage</b>	D
5	2.5	1502 7th Street E	\$1,100	\$220	New bath floors, <b>W/D, porch, den, large yard, good location</b>	H
5	2	1521 8th Street	\$1,100	\$220	Nice-sized rooms, new paint, <b>W/D, big yard, good location</b>	H
5	1.5	1115 6th Street	\$1,125	\$225	Very desirable, <b>washer/dryer, very close to campus</b>	H
5	2	208 13th Avenue West	\$1,200	\$240	Good-sized bedrooms, <b>W/D, front porch, close to campus</b>	H
5	2	1803 7th Street	\$1,200	\$240	Large house, good location, <b>parking, W/D, 2 HUGE bedrooms</b>	D
5	2	607 13th Avenue East	\$1,250	\$250	Great location, nice house, new paint, <b>W/D, parking</b>	H
5	2	414 12th Avenue West	\$1,250	\$250	Cute house, big rooms, porch, <b>garage, lawn care included</b>	H
5	1.5	1107 2nd Street West	\$1,250	\$250	Nice-sized rooms, good layout, excellent location, <b>W/D</b>	H
5	2	1208 9th Street E	\$1,250	\$250	Beautiful house, well-maintained, <b>W/D, dishwasher, garage</b>	H
5	2	2006 5th Street #C	\$1,250	\$250	Very nice apt, <b>washer/dryer, A/C, parking, has everything!</b>	3
5	2.5	902 Main Street E	\$1,300	\$260	Awesome house! New carpet, huge rooms, <b>garage and more</b>	H
5	2	321 14th Avenue West	\$1,375	\$275	Great house, nice rooms, <b>W/D, parking, close to campus</b>	H
5	2	1708 6th Street #A	\$1,375	\$275	Fabulous apt, <b>W/D, large rooms, parking, has everything!</b>	D
5	2	1708 6th Street #B	\$1,375	\$275	Fabulous apt, <b>W/D, large rooms, parking, has everything!</b>	D
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# "Phantom of the Opera" with accompaniment by local organist

Rachel Policano  
Staff Writer

The Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts is at it again with a rare and riveting event. On Oct. 29, the Mabel Tainter will be screening "The Phantom of the Opera," but not just any ol' version of this timeless classic. The Mabel Tainter will be showing the silent film from the year 1925 that I can guarantee not many of you have

seen. Add an in-person organ performance and you've got yourself one momentous occasion.

Originally written in novel form by author Gaston Leroux, "The Phantom of the Opera" tells the story of just that: a mysterious, deformed phantom that haunts the Paris Opera House to make the woman he loves a star. Through murder and mayhem, the Phantom, portrayed by Lon Chaney in the most famous role of his career, attempts to sway the management of the opera house to do as he wishes, but... well... you're just going to have to see the film (or another adaptation, if silent films aren't your thing) to see what happens.

There really is no exact criteria for being one of the "greatest films of all time," especially since everyone has their own idea of what is the greatest. Anyone who watches a film these days is instantly a movie critic, and everyone has his or her own favorites. There's a good chance that if you enjoy a movie, there's someone out there who hates it. When big-name companies, like American Movie Classics (AMC), create lists of what they believe are the greatest films, they take a couple of things into consideration. The following criteria have been taken from filmsite.org: whether the film has "left a mark upon our lives and reflects many defining moments of a time period," and if the film has "the power to entertain, enchant, inform and move us emotionally as well as change our perception of things." Of course, there are countless other standards to consider when generating a list, but when you think

about it, the one from AMC sums it all up quite simply. Films really are the greatest, on a personal level at least, when they change you after you've viewed them.

If you don't believe the art historians who claim that "The Phantom of the Opera" is one of the greatest films, then tell me, dear friend, why else would there be five remakes? That's right, I said five remakes of one solitary tale.

The 1925

silent version was the first, followed some time later with the 1962 Bach organ music film version.

One of the better-known versions, the Andrew

Lloyd Web-

ber musical, starring talents such as Michael Crawford, Sarah Brightman and Steve Barton, came to be in 1986, with its first opening in London's West End. The most popular version of "The Phantom of the Opera" is the 2004 musical film adaptation starring Gerard Butler, Emmy Rossum and Patrick Wilson. Who would have thought that Gerard Butler could sing? A 1974 film called "Phantom of the Paradise," written and directed by Brian DePalma, was also loosely based on this ghoulish tale.

As with all silent films, piano or organ melodies are played through the duration. Unique to the showing at the Mabel Tainter, a live accompaniment will be performed on the building's historic 1890 Steere & Turner pipe organ. In an article written by Erica Hanson discussing the Mabel Tainter for "Victoriana Magazine," it states that "the organ, manufactured by the Massachusetts

firm of Steere & Turner... was installed on August 18, 1890 and is the second organ to be installed in the theater." Used previously as a church organ, the "fully functional organ has 1,597 pipes ranging from two inches to sixteen feet tall, and has twenty-eight stops...[It was also] originally watered-powered [and] was later converted to use electricity."

Mark Pruett, a UW-Stout music teacher and organist for the First Congregational Church in Menomonie, has the distinct honor of operating the Mabel Tainter's remarkable organ. As a composer, organist and pianist, Pruett is more than qualified for this occasion.

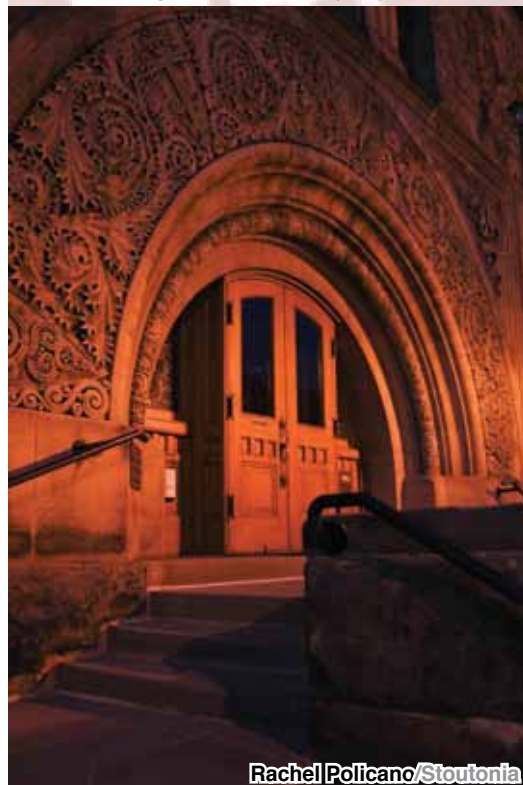
"The Phantom of the Opera" silent film, accompanied by or-

ganist Mark Pruett and violinist Olivia Aarrestad, will be presented in a one-time event on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Mabel Tainter Theater. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students.

Tickets are available for sale now on the Mabel Tainter website: [www.mabeltainter.com/performing.html](http://www.mabeltainter.com/performing.html).

"If you don't believe... that "The Phantom of the Opera" is one of the greatest films, then tell me dear friend, why else would there be five remakes?."

-Policano



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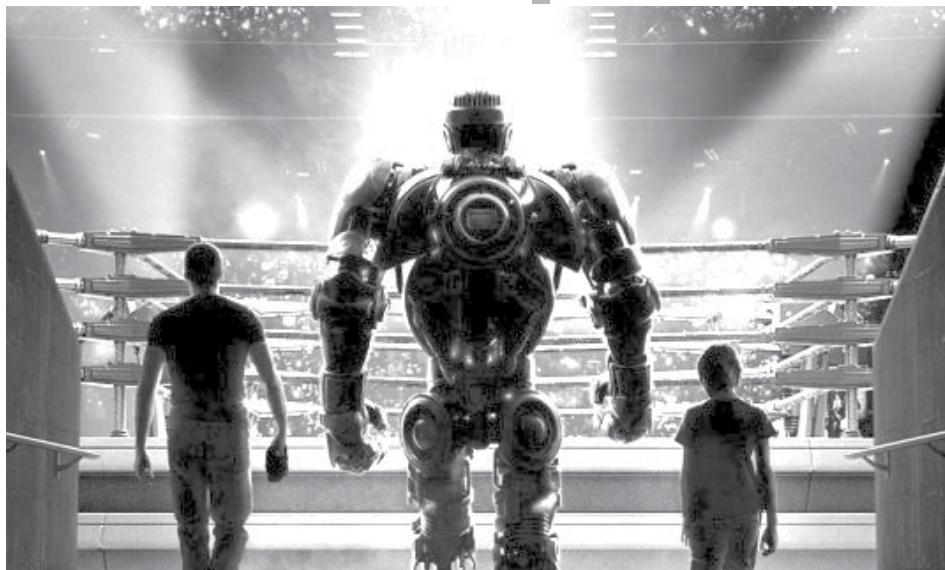


Andrew Schneider/Stoutonia

Music from this 1890 Steere & Turner pipe organ will accompany the film.



## REAL STEEL | REVIEW



Jeff Gebert  
Staff Writer

"Real Steel" is pretty much "Rock Em Sock Em Robots: The Movie," and there is nothing wrong with that.

"Real Steel" takes place in the near future where human boxing has been all but forgotten and instead replaced with robot boxing. Hugh Jackman ("X-Men" and "Van Helsing") stars as Charlie Kenton, a down-on-his-luck retired boxer trying to pay off his numerous debts by entering the world of robot boxing. After he gains custody over his 11-year-old son, they find an old fighting robot named Atom in a junkyard and train him to be a league class boxer. It's the standard "underdog boxer rises to the top" plotline, but with a twist.

One of the best things about the film is Charlie's son Max, played by Dakota Goyo. Instead of being an obnoxious little brat like most kids are in movies nowadays, Max is sarcastic, smart and really opposes Charlie. The chemistry between Charlie and Max is great. The pair really stole the show. Charlie is used to getting his way and talking himself out of sticky situations, but Max is constantly standing up to Charlie and won't take crap from anyone. When they first meet they really can't stand each other, but their relationship develops as the film goes on, and it's really satisfying to see this father and son

learn to like one another.

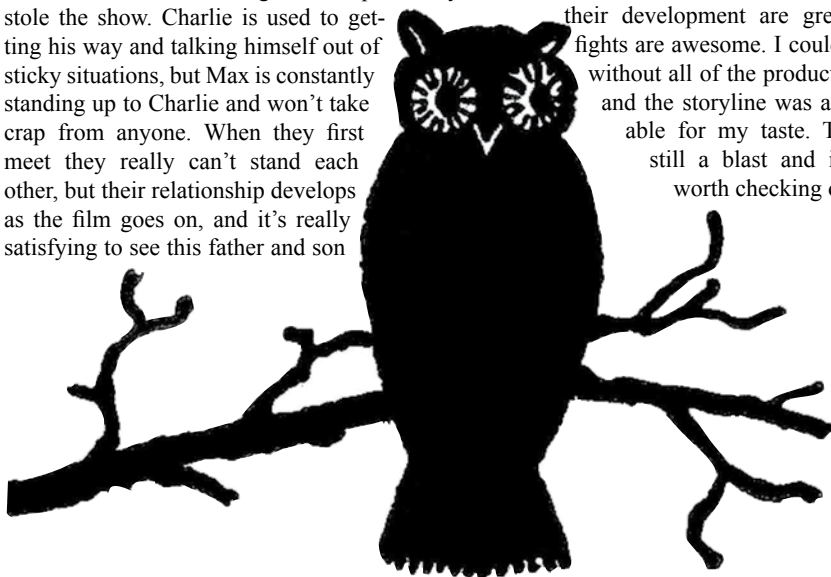
Another likable character duo is Max and Atom. Even though Atom is a speechless, emotionless robot, you really care about him because Max cares about him so much.

The film's special effects look phenomenal, and the fighting matches themselves are exceptionally directed. The movie really builds up to these fight scenes, so when it's actually time for the smack down, it's exciting and adrenaline pumping. Atom was trained to mimic the boxing moves of Charlie, so he boxes like a real human, which is very unique.

-Gebert

The only real complaints I have with "Real Steel" is its predictable story. It's basically "Rocky" or "Cinderella Man" but with robots. Still, the robots were a special twist on the concept. Another thing that bugged me was the vast amount of product placement. Usually, product placement doesn't bother me, but there were so many ads thrown in your face for Dr. Pepper, Sprint, Xbox 360 and countless others, it actually got distracting.

Despite its minor flaws, "Real Steel" is still an incredibly fun movie. The characters and their development are great, and the fights are awesome. I could have gone without all of the product placement, and the storyline was a bit predictable for my taste. The movie's still a blast and is definitely worth checking out.



## UW-Stout welcomes David Beck to the Game Design and Development program

Hassan Javiad  
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's Game Design and Development program welcomes David Beck. He currently teaches 3-D modeling and animation classes in both the Game Design and Multimedia Design programs. In the following interview, Beck speaks about his time thus far at UW-Stout and his views on the game development profession.

**Can you tell us where you were at before going into the teaching profession?**

Sure. That's actually fairly interesting, as I started out as a fine artist, as a sculptor. I studied at a small college, called St. Olaf College, in northern Minnesota. I lived in Minneapolis for awhile, worked in a coffee shop and did the artist thing before going to grad school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. It was there that I kind of fell in love with sculpture and digital 3-D modeling. I had also been a gamer my entire life, so it kind of made sense to merge my interest of art with that of 3-D and special effects.

**What were you doing professionally right before heading to UW-Stout?**

During the last four years, I had been directing a program that's very similar to the game design program here [at UW-Stout] at a school called Clarkson University in upstate New York. I was teaching a lot of the same classes I teach here [at UW-Stout]. I worked with the video game industry helping students to get internships and jobs, designing the curriculum alongside trips to different game companies.

**Do you believe video games can be considered art?**

Of course! I think they can definitely be considered art. The trick is that I don't believe every game is art. Maybe this helps a bit; I consider certain independent films to be works of art but I don't consider something like "Transformers 3" to be a work of art. So, if the intention is just to make money, then it kind of starts to fade away from the idea of it being a work of art.



Matt Culbertson/Stoutonia



**What would be the type of game that you would consider to be art?**

Obviously indie games are easier to make an argument for that. Something like "Braid" or "Limbo," where there's such a beautiful and well-thought-out visual environment, but then the developers are also trying to tell some sort of story. There's some form of narrative involved and, in certain cases, there's even a critique of society or something of the like. That is when I think it really drives home the idea of a video game being a piece of art.

**What do you think of the game industry as an emerging profession, being formally taught at college by educators like yourself?**

I think that it is growing, but it's hit kind of a plateau like the major spike of everyone hiring anyone from anywhere. It actually has grown so fast that essentially the bubble burst on it, and it's going to take some time to collect that and build up to where it was. That doesn't mean that the game industry is dead. It's alive and thriving, probably more powerful than it was before.

**How is UW-Stout treating you so far?**

Stout's good. I actually really enjoy Stout. I love that there's this really strong art and design focus in this area. I love that they've got this game design major that's got two tracks, for computer science and art. And the biggest thing I'm finding is that the students work really hard. I'm really appreciative of that.

**Any other comments you would like to say to UW-Stout students?**

I'd say that I want as many people as possible to take my class. If they're interested in 3-D or they're interested in animation, I want them to consider taking my courses, or even just meeting.

I'm usually in Micheels Hall 176, so anytime they want to stop by and you know, talk games or talk art. I'm here and I really hope I can also become involved in the International Game Developers Association (IGDA) chapter here as much as I can, and the game design major in general.



# DEAD RISING II REVIEW

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Staff Writer

"Dead Rising 2: Off the Record" for PS3 and Xbox 360 isn't exactly a sequel to last year's "Dead Rising 2," but rather an updated version, with a different protagonist.

The "Dead Rising" series is all about being stranded in a shopping mall for three days during a zombie outbreak, and the players use anything they can find for a weapon to kill the enormous amount of zombies.

"Dead Rising 2" stars Chuck Greene, an motocross rider trying to protect his daughter during a zombie outbreak in Fortune City. "Dead Rising 2: Off the Record" asks the question, "What if Frank West from the first 'Dead Rising' had been there instead?" Frank is a photojournalist who is looking to break the story of the zombie outbreak, and is the better character. While Chuck was likable enough, he didn't have much of a personality. Frank West, on the other hand, is hi-

larious, shows different emotions and is overall a wittier character. After all, he's covered wars, ya know.

"Dead Rising 2: Off The Record" takes place a few years after the events of the first "Dead Rising." After having blown open the conspiracy behind the Willamette incident, Frank goes on to be a celebrity with his own show. Eventually his show gets canceled, and Frank finds himself washed up and looking to get back into the limelight. He goes to Fortune City and enters as a guest contestant in the zombie killing game show, "Terror is Reality." After somebody lets loose an entire hoard of zombies into the city, Frank sees this as his opportunity to break the story and win back his fame. The story you play through is almost exactly the same as "Dead Rising 2," where Chuck was framed for the outbreak and had to discover the truth, with just a few tweaks; many of the cut scenes seem like they just took Chuck out and put Frank in.

You start the game by going to a shopping mall that is infested with zombies. It's amazing how many zombies can be on the screen at one time without having a significant lag time. Although, I noticed some frame rate issues every now and then after entering a new area, they happened so rarely, it wasn't much of a problem.

The graphics are not amazing, but they're

still pretty nice. The music, however, is fantastic. The catchy smooth jazz playing over the mall's speakers creates the perfect atmosphere for zombie slaying.

If you played "Dead Rising 2," don't expect any real difference in terms of gameplay. The combo weapon system makes its return, where you combine two weapons to form one incredible instrument of death. For example, combining boxing gloves with a bowie knife gives you boxing gloves with knives sticking out of them. "Dead Rising 2: Off the Record" even manages to add new combo weapons such as the "zap-n-shine," a weapon made by combining a cattle prod with a floor buffer.

There is also a brand new zone called "Uranus Zone," which is an outer space themed amusement park. The new zone is a lot of fun and is arguably the most entertaining area in the entire game. Frank also has his famous camera from "Dead Rising 1." Snapping pictures is just as fun as ever. Unfortunately, "Dead Rising 2: Off the Record" does not feature the Terror is Reality multiplayer mode. In its place, "Dead Rising 2: Off the Record" offers Sandbox mode, a mode where you can freely roam around Fortune City, never having to worry about the story and play missions to earn medals and money that can be used in the story mode. The game still has online co-op, so you can hunt zombies with a friend.



## SPIDER-MAN | Edge of Time

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Your friendly neighborhood Spider-Man is in a really rough slump lately. With a huge shakedown in the comics, no currently ongoing cartoon series and a very bad movie in recent memory, Spidey's got it tough. Not even a journey to the edge of time could seemingly make a difference.

"Spider-Man: Edge of Time" is the spiritual successor to last year's decent "Spider-Man: Shattered Dimensions." By spiritual successor, it's more of the same controls and gameplay, and not much else. "Spider-Man: Edge of Time" strips down nearly everything that made "Shattered Dimensions" such a great game and attempts to tell a much deeper story rather than be simply a game.

The story for the game is pretty decent: solid writing, two Spider-Men teaming up (one from the future, one from the past) and awesome banter between the two. The problem, though, lies in the fact that the developers get so caught up in telling this story that they forget the most important aspect of any Spider-Man game: the feeling of being Spider-Man.

In one of the most baffling game design decisions to mark a Spider-Man game ever, the entire game is set inside one building. Whichever

Spider-Man you control simply goes from room to room, attacking wave after wave of enemies, until you eventually get a key and then repeat the process. The game tries to throw in some variation by having players occasionally destroy certain objects or flip certain switches, but these different objectives hardly feel any more varied or fresh than the key fetching.

Added to that, the core gameplay element – fighting enemies – has been dumbed-down sig-

nificantly this time. Combat is not as varied and definitely not as satisfying. Most people can get through the game by simply using the default combo without upgrading or unlocking any of the other moves in the game. This makes the already repetitive gameplay border on the edge of boring.

The tragedy is that there is a relatively decent and serviceable game in here. The presentation is top notch with great graphics, amazing sound

work and the same tight controls from "Shattered Dimensions."

The concept for the game is pretty amazing too, with a cause and effect storyline that has both Spider-Men working together to thwart an evil villain who has altered the timeline. Yet the time element of the gameplay is relegated to nothing more than a simple plot device, and a huge opportunity to integrate it into the gameplay is sorely missed.

To add insult to the huge stock pile of injuries, "Spider-Man: Edge of Time" clocks in at roughly six hours. Six hours of repetitive gameplay that isn't even all that satisfying or enjoyable is hardly worth the \$60 admission fee.

When you strip the game to its bare essence, this is a short and unfinished game that could have continued the tradition of great games for the Spider-Man franchise. What it boils down to, however, is a game that only the most devout fans of Spider-Man will end up playing more for the story than for the experience of playing as Spider-Man. Do yourself a favor: pass this one up this year, or at best, give it a rental.





# THROW THE FIGHT to perform at The Buck

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Entertainment Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout alumnus Ryan Baustert will be rocking out with his band Throw the Fight (TTF) on the evening of Friday, Oct. 28 in Menomonie at The Buck.

Baustert graduated in 2004 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design from UW-Stout. Today, Baustert operates a consulting and design business out of Minneapolis and is TTF's guitarist, designer and manager.

"I'm looking forward to making it back [to Menomonie]," said Baustert. "People should look forward to an energetic and fun show."

In 2006, TTF was named one of the top 10 unsigned bands in the country by Alternative Press magazine. The five-person rock band consists of relentless road dogs who have performed in over 30 states. In 2010 alone, they had nearly 50 performances. TTF has also shared the stage with national acts such as Drowning Pool, Avenged Sevenfold, Papa Roach, Buckcherry, Staind, Chevelle, Lost Prophets and others.

Right now, TTF is on tour and making progress to release their second full-length album in the spring of 2012.

"At this point, it's looking like it will be [released] at some point around February or March of 2012," said Baustert. "We are also currently in the studio working on a 'B-side' EP that will be released in advance of our next album."

John Feldman is producing TTF's sophomore album and has worked with Atreyu, Escape the Fate, The Used and Story of the Year. On the album is TTF's newest hit single, "Not So Hollywood." The song is reaching a wide audience with full rotation on Minneapolis' 93.7 KXXR.

"It's a straight forward rock track," said Baustert. "It's got poppy elements and a sing-along chorus, but it's also got some heavier elements in the bridge as well."

Baustert explained that the influence for the songs' lyrics was found when the band went to Los Angeles to record the album.

"The song is basically about how much of a culture shock we thought LA was for us," said Baustert. "It's a much different lifestyle."

"Not So Hollywood" will be TTF's first music video. Footage will be recorded in Los Angeles, California and Minneapolis at 7th Street Entry on Nov. 5.

"The storyline will be shot in LA, but the live performance aspect is going to be filmed in Minneapolis," said Baustert. "If anyone wants to be in our video, they need to show up to the venue at noon on Nov. fifth, and they can be a part of that."

TTF was formed in 2003 when Baustert was a student at UW-Stout and met a couple of the other band members.

"Menomonie and Ellsworth was where the band was based out of, back in the day," said Baustert. "We started out playing covers initially as a way to get ourselves into the bar

scene and start playing live, but the goal was to always be an original band, and we phased out playing covers after the first six months of being together."

Baustert's interest in guitar originated in his pre-teen years when his father introduced him to Metallica and Black Sabbath. He then branched off into other genres of rock music including punk and blues.

"Stevie Ray Vaughn, Pennywise, Kenny Wayne Sheppard, MXPX, Thrice, et cetera...those were a lot of the bands I remember listening to in the early days that all had a big influence on my playing," said Baustert.

Music starts at 9:30 p.m. with Darling Parade, to be followed by TTF and headliner 3 Pill Morning. Guests must be 21 to attend; there will also be a Halloween costume contest and free bar tabs given away. For more information about TTF and their video shoot, visit their website [www.throwthefight.com](http://www.throwthefight.com).



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# 13 Movies to watch this Halloween

Rachel Policano  
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again when the ghouls, goblins and silly kids in costumes come out to play. That's right- it's Halloween! I'll bet you are all in the mood to get scared and creeped out by the everlasting list of horror films in our midst.

The following is a list of films I deem worthy to watch this frightful season. Don't worry if scary movies aren't your thing; this list of mine is not a complete scare-fest. We are all people of different tastes, so this list has a range of creepiness. Enjoy, my freaky darlings, for the time of scary, creepy and gory is upon us! The list contains a synopsis of the film, a personal review and a rating based on how creepy it is. View at your own risk.

## The Craft \*\*

A group of high school girls rumored to be witches work to complete their coven. Throughout the movie, the coven pursues witchcraft for personal gain, which proves to be more dangerous than any of them ever believed.

**Review:** Even though this film does not depict witches in a positive or accurate light, it is still amusing to watch. The second half of "The Craft" provides just enough horror for it to make my list; you have Fairuza Balk to thank, as she does a wonderful job portraying the psychotic Nancy Downs.

## Ginger Snaps \*\*\*

Two teenage sisters obsessed with death fall victim to your typical lycanthrope attack. Critically acclaimed for its use of lycanthropy (werewolfism) as a metaphor for puberty, this film is easily a cult classic for werewolf fans.

**Review:** I just had to include a werewolf film in the mix, especially one that people have not seen before. Yes, it is the same, overused plot present in most werewolf films, but this is the only one that I can think of where the victims are girls. I'm also a fan of the fact that it's not a blown-out blockbuster with overused special effects. Ladies, after watching this quirky, low-budget indie film, you'll never think of "that time of the month" in the same way again.

## The Lost Boys \*\*

This movie's tagline says it all: "Sleep all day. Party all night. Never grow old. Never die. It's fun to be a vampire."

**Review:** Ahhh, the 80s was a great decade. Fans of the 80s should include this film in their collection. While it may not be extremely gory or scary, "The Lost Boys" has just enough cheesy vampire film mixed with a few horror scenes to be one of my favorites for Halloween.

## The Scream series \*\*\*

What's your favorite scary movie? "Scream" revived horror films with the help of established and recognizable actors like Courteney Cox, David Arquette and Campbell Campbell and remains the highest-grossing slasher film in the world. By combining a traditional slasher film with humor and the characters' awareness of horror film clichés, the Scream series will make you laugh; it will make you jump; it will make you particularly cautious when entering rooms or walking around corners in the dark.

**Review:** Jamie Kennedy is too funny as the all-knowing horror nerd who informs the characters in time of need. Personally, I don't think this movie is that scary, but it will make you jump when Ghostface shows up in unexpected places. The ending will also provide the perfect WTF moment – a revelation you may or may not have expected. I've really only seen the first film of the series, but the rest are definitely on my list of movies to watch.

## Sleepy Hollow \*\*

Another Tim Burton wonder graces my list because, let's face it: Tim Burton is the Prince of the Dark and Quirky, which are both ideal traits for Halloween. In Burton's loosely adapted version of this American tale, Johnny Depp takes on the role of the outlandish Ichabod Crane, a police constable in this rendition instead of a local schoolteacher. Crane is sent to Sleepy Hollow to investigate recent murders – murders by decapitation. Crane comes to terms with the supernatural elements he's so skeptical about and looks to seek revenge against the Headless Horseman, whom we all know as the cause of the town's numerable deaths.

**Review:** Personally, I have not seen a Johnny Depp film I didn't like, or a Tim Burton film for that matter. While at times this movie may seem slow, you have to understand that the story itself is, in fact, a little slow. However, the freaky moments and plot twists make this adaptation enjoyable to watch. The monochromatic effect in which the film was shot, along with smoke and soft lighting, add the eerie ambiance, add splashes of bright color (blood, obviously) and you've got the Tim Burton portrayal of Sleepy Hollow.

## AfterLife \*\*\*

How would you react to waking up on a coroner's table in a morgue? A middle school teacher gets into a car accident after a fight with her boyfriend and winds up in exactly that position. Dazed, confused and unable to move, she learns she has died and the morgue director is there to clean her up, help her cross over and accept her death. Through failed escapes and questionable scenes, the film poses the ultimate question to its audience: is the teacher really dead? You'll have to watch and decide for yourself.

**Review:** I just recently stumbled upon this movie, and I am so glad I did. Not only are there three very talented actors in this film (Liam Neeson, Christina Ricci and Justin Long), but it really makes the viewer think. Not only will you have to pay close attention to the smallest of details in this film to decipher whether Anna is truly dead or not, the ideas that Eliot brings up to Anna about life will have you examining your own in ways you probably never thought about. In short, this unknown film is worth watching at any time of year.

## Beetlejuice \*

## Hocus Pocus \*

## Shaun of the Dead \*

## Se7en \*\*\*

## Silence of the Lambs \*\*\*\*

## The Saw series \*\*\*\*

## 30 Days of Night \*\*\*\*

## CREEPINESS LEGEND

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## HONORABLE MENTIONS: CLASSIC HORROR FILMS LIST:

The Exorcist (1973)  
Poltergeist (1982)  
The Shining (1980)  
American Werewolf in London (1981)  
Halloween (1978), (2007)  
Nightmare on Elm Street (1984), (2010)  
Friday the 13th (1980), (2009)  
Amityville Horror (1979), (2005)  
Texas Chainsaw Massacre (1974), (2003)



# No more potholes in Nelson Field outdoor track

**Kou Yang**  
Staff Writer

It has been over a year since the removal of the old track, and in a few weeks the new Nelson Field outdoor track will be ready for use, just in time for the winter and recruiting season.

The old track was built in 1969 and resurfaced in 1988. The project replaced the track with a new rubber mat system. In addition to a new track, the pits for the pole vault, long jump and triple jump were rebuilt.

Laura Knudsen came to the University of Wisconsin-Stout in 2000 as a student and completed her college career having been named track and field All-American 12 times. Knudsen accomplished all that while practicing on an old, beat down Nelson Field.

Knudsen is now the head coach of UW-Stout's men's and women's track and field

teams and was involved in the decision-making process as a committee member.

"The new track looks better," said Knudsen. Knudsen remembers there being a dip in lane one heading into the turn. With the new surface, a runner won't have to fear coming to UW-Stout for an outdoor track and field meet or just practice.

"Not having potholes in the track is helpful so people don't sprain an ankle while practicing," said Knudsen.

The original track was built for more than just athletes at UW-Stout.

"We definite-

ly needed a new track- not just for the track athletes, but all the athletic teams use the track for training along with all the community events that take place on the track," said Knudsen.

A fresh track is also more attractive for recruits. The old track was so bad that the coaches started joking about bringing recruits in the winter when the track was covered with snow so they couldn't see the track conditions.

"Hopefully in the future we can host some home meets," said Knudsen. Since she came to UW-Stout, there has not been a home meet.

The track's new orientation is now correct; before, the steeple barrier was at the wrong end. So, if there are meets in the future, runners will know where the finish line is.

"There is still some work we have to do yet," said Knudsen. "But hopefully down the road we can have a home track and field meet so that everyone can come and watch us run, throw and jump."

"If you are hosting a meet, teams will come if you have a nice track; if you have a bad track, no one will come," said Knudsen.

Nelson Field hasn't been the pretty girl for over 10 years, but that's about to change.



UW-Stout Athletics



Brand new track. Super snazzy.



Track under construction.

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## What 2 Watch 4



### upcoming sporting events

- **October 21st**
  - Women's Volleyball vs UM-Morris in St. Paul, MN @ 7 p.m.
  - Men's Hockey vs Concordia University (Wis.) @ 7 p.m.
  - Women's Volleyball at Northwestern College @ 8:30 p.m.
- **October 22nd**
  - Women's Soccer vs UW-Oshkosh @ 2 p.m.
  - Blue Devils football vs UW-La Crosse (Military Appreciation) @ 6 p.m.
  - Men's Hockey vs Marian University @ 7:30 p.m.
- **October 23rd**
  - Women's Soccer vs University of St. Thomas @ 1 p.m.
- **October 26th**
  - Women's Soccer vs UW-Eau Claire: Playing for a Cause @ 7 p.m.
- **October 28th**
  - Women's Volleyball vs UW-Oshkosh: Breast Cancer Awareness @ 7 p.m.

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# Courtney Tideman mixes it up on both ends of the field

**Kou Yang**  
Staff Writer

She wears blue shoes and blue tape and is very superstitious, as many athletes are. To get pumped up for a match, she listens to the remix of Al Pacino's speech from "Any Given Sunday" with the 300 Violin Orchestra playing in the background.

Courtney Tideman started playing soccer when she was 2 years old in St. Cloud, Minn.

"We knew she was going to be very competitive at an early age," said Tideman's mother, Sue. The family now lives in Sartell, Minn., but the only difference is the location.

Growing up, Tideman looked up to her older brother Alex, who is just 19 months her senior.

"He's a good athlete, but he worked hard to get where he is," said Tideman. Alex, though, always told Tideman that she was more naturally talented than him.

In her first start on varsity in high school, Tideman was a forward and scored the game-winning goal. A great start at striker, right? In the very next game she moved to defense, not because she wanted to, but because it was what the team needed. She was to shut down the number-one attacker. Ever since then, she's been playing defense.

Tideman is now a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, studying industrial design. She hopes to work for an athletic apparel company such as Nike.

"I love to design shoes," said Tideman. She is also interested in the medical field and considering working with prosthetics.

On the field there are many factors that set

Tideman apart.

"She leads by example," said Head Coach Ryan Raufus. "She goes out there and works hard. She shows [her teammates] what it takes to be successful at the collegiate level."

Remember how she started out as a forward in high school? Well, she's a defender now but also led the team in goals scored after its nine matches this season.

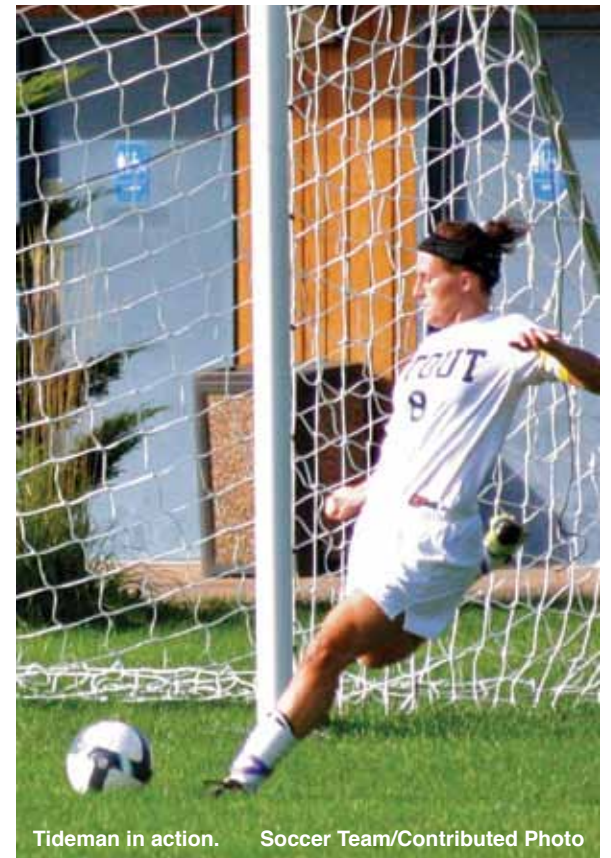
Tideman was named All-Conference her freshman year. Not only is she headed to be All-Conference again, but she has a chance of winning Conference Player of The Year the way she's been playing on both sides of the field.

Sports have also helped Tideman become a better leader in the classroom.

"Everyone looks up to her, on the field and off the field. She's a very inspirational player to have on the team; everyone respects her," said Assistant Coach Chris Reardon.

The ultimate achievement for a college athlete is to be a national champion. It's not a far cry to make the NCAA after beating regionally ranked teams.

"We are definitely on our way there, after beating University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point," said Tideman.



Tideman in action. Soccer Team/Contributed Photo

Tideman's mother has watched her daughter accomplish many feats on the field, but her accomplishments off of the field are just as impressive.

"Courtney has been a joy to watch grow up to be the special young lady that she is," Tideman's mother said.



The team celebrating a goal (graveyard not real).

Soccer Team/Contributed Photo



# WIAC Golf Coach of the Year: a win, win, win!

**Kelsey Penrod**  
Staff Writer

For the second time, the University of Wisconsin-Stout women's golf coach and golf management instructor Howie Samb recently was awarded the 2011 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Golf Coach of the Year. The award's co-recipient was the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire's Meghan Sobotta. Samb also received this honor in 2009.

Samb, a Spring Valley, Wis. native, received his bachelor's degree in business administration from UW-Stout. He began his career as the general manager at a country club south of Minneapolis. Later on, after becoming a PGA certified professional, Samb found his true passion in teaching the sport of golf. "When coaching, it has to be fun," said Samb, "If we can be competitive

along the way, it's a bonus."

Now in his fourth year as coach, Samb has built UW-Stout's women's golf team from the ground up. "When I took over, we were in last," said Samb. "That first year as coach, we finished fifth, and now this year we placed third at the WIAC Conference. My goal is to provide a program that continually gets better."

Along with his coaching career, Samb is a lecturer for the golf enterprise management program at UW-Stout. "Samb really turned the golf program around for the better," said Kristine Connell, senior and co-captain on the UW-Stout golf team. "He is both a motivator and a mentor on and off the course. His passion for the sport really rubbed off on the team and made us what we are today."

His devotion and knowledge for the sport was recognized by the WIAC award for the second time. "This award doesn't mean as much to



Kitty Nicastro watching her shot.

Golf Team/Contributed Photo



Kristine Connell golfing up a storm.

Golf Team/Contributed Photo

me as it means that our program is starting to grow," said Samb. "It's a reflection of the golf program at Stout moving from being okay, to now being actually really good. It has more to do with the girls on the team than it does with me."

Samb has built the women's golf team through careful recruitment and by finding women who are invested in practicing and improv-

ing their game. Since this is an individualized sport, Samb pays attention to the progress of each team member in order to improve the team as a whole.

"This year the award is different, because everyone sees that we have made a jump," said Samb. "It's good for the team,

the golf enterprise program and ultimately Stout; definitely a win, win, win."

**"He is both a motivator and a mentor on and off the course. His passion for the sport really rubbed off on the team and made us what we are today."**

*-Kristine Connell*

## UW-Stout's women's golf team strokes to its best heights

**Kelsey Penrod**  
Staff Writer



UW-Stout 2011/2012 Women's Golf Team

Athletics Website

On October 7-9, the University of Wisconsin-Stout women's golf team placed third in the 2011 WIAC Women's Golf Championships at Bull's Eye Country Club in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. This is the overall best accomplish-

ment for the UW-Stout women's golf team in a tournament, with an overall team finish score of 691. The team closely followed the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, who received a score of 685, and the team followed the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire's first place win with a final score of 647.

"Overall, this is the best season we have had so far," said Kristine Connell, a senior from Burnsville, Minn., and co-captain of the team. "A big part of that was our coach, Howie Samb, who has really developed the program and works very hard with us as a team." Connell has been on the UW-Stout women's golf team since her freshman year but has ultimately been playing golf since the age of 12. Majoring in golf management and administration, Connell aspires to be a certified PGA or LPGA golf pro and ultimately desires to teach the sport professionally. As this is her first

year as captain, Connell expressed nervousness in the beginning but adapted easily, becoming comfortable with her teammates and their goals for the season.

"Being captain was a job that came easy from the beginning," said Connell. "We had so much talent and the girls were all very driven for the game, which ultimately helped us to be so competitive this year."

The UW-Stout women's golf team consists of three freshmen (Anna Busch, Mariah Chesley and Brittany McNett-Emmerich), three juniors (Becca Eggers, Hannah Lee and Meghan Whittaker), and two seniors, (Kitty Nicastro and Kristine Connell).

Nicastro, a native of Mondovi, Wis., is the other co-captain on the team. With a major in golf enterprise management, Nicastro has plans to graduate this December. Nicastro

started on the UW-Stout team her sophomore year but had played on the boy's golf team at her high school. "Coming in third place [of the tournament] was a huge deal! I think my teammates did such a great job, and I know they will continue to get better after this year's experience," said Nicastro.

The team will be losing seniors and co-captains, Nicastro and Connell, next season. Even though these two members will have graduated, Connell expresses her appreciation of the team and their third place finish. "We had such a strong year because this group of girls has been the best," said Connell. "We all worked on teambuilding and ultimately all meshed well together, which was definitely a big key to our team's success. Hopefully in the future, the team will continue to grow and will become conference champions!"



# BLUE DEVIL SCOREBOARD

## BLUE DEVILS FOOTBALL

The University of Wisconsin-Stout football team fell behind early, pulled to within a touchdown, but ultimately fell to two-time defending national champion, the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, 42-21, Friday night at Warhawk Stadium. The Warhawks did their own answering back by scoring three times in the second quarter. The Warhawks rolled up 539 yards of total offense, (294 in the air, 245 on the ground), while UW-Stout tallied 300 yards, (213 by pass, 87 on the ground).

Next game: UW-Stout returns to Don and Nona Williams Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 22, when it hosts the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse at 6 p.m. in the Blue Devils' third night game of the season.

## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

On Saturday, Oct. 15 the University of Wisconsin-Stout closed out play at its own tournament Saturday at Johnson Fieldhouse. Emily Crew, a freshman from Maplewood, Minn., tallied 27 kills that day. Crew, who was named to the all-tournament team, recorded 13 kills in a 3-2 loss to Luther College to open the day, and then one-upped herself with 14 kills in a 3-1 loss to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to close out the day.

Against the Pointers (18-6), the Blue Devils rebounded from two low scoring opening sets to take the third but then couldn't get back far enough in the fourth.

Next game: UW-Stout will travel to the University of Wisconsin-Superior Wednesday, Oct. 19, and then will be at Northwestern College on Friday, Oct. 21 when the team will meet the host University of Minnesota-Morris Gold Eagles.

## MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

On Oct. 15 in Winneconne, Wis., the University of Wisconsin-Stout's Tim Nelson, a junior from Augusta, Wis., was in a dead-heat with Washington University's Michael Burnstein. Nelson led UW-Stout to a 13th-place finish through a field of 47 schools in a time of 24 minutes and 45.85 seconds in the 8-kilometer run. The race, which was hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, was run at the Lake Breeze Golf Club and will be the same course that hosts the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships in November. Six of UW-Stout's runners finished in the top third.

Next game: The Blue Devils return to action Saturday, Oct. 29, when they will host the WIAC Cross Country Championships at Whitetail Golf Club.



## Calendar of Events

### Intramural Sports - 41 Sports & Fitness Center - 232-1392

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10/19-10/24 Intramural Block One Playoffs

10/24-10/27 Intramural Housing League Competition

10/31-11/4 Block 2 Intramural Sports Registration is open

### Stout Adventures - 56 Sports & Fitness Center - 232-5625

10/21-10/23 American Red Cross: Wilderness & Remote First Aid

10/27 Kayak Deep Water Safety Clinic - FULL

Now-10/24 Registration for Halloween All Nighter

10/29 Halloween All Nighter

10/31 Women's Climbing Night - Free Climbing w/Stout ID

### Health & Fitness Center - 53 Sports & Fitness Center - 232-1378

10/19 & 10/20 Toning with Weights 7-9PM (North Point)

10/27 The Big Three 7-9PM, 2 hour class to learn safe & proper techniques for Bench press, Squat & Deadlift.

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23	24  UW-Stout Women's Soccer vs. UW-Eau Claire <i>Home 7 p.m.</i> <i>Playing for a Cause</i>	25	26  UW-Stout Gender & Sexuality Alliance's Amateur Drag Show <i>184 Micheels Hall</i> <i>8 p.m. - 11 p.m.</i>	27  Concert & Conversation for LGBT Awareness Month <i>The New Harvey Hall Theater</i> <i>7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.</i>	28  UW-Stout Men's Hockey vs. UW- Eau Claire <i>Home 7 :30 p.m.</i>	29  UW - Stout Women's Volleyball vs. UW-Whitewater <i>Home 12 p.m.</i>  UW - Stout Football at UW-River Falls <i>@River Falls</i> <i>1 p.m</i>
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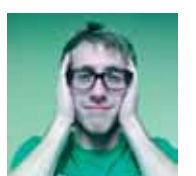
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Cover by Lenn Soderlund

"I'm lonely. Oh, so lonely. I'm the Stoutonia newspaper, born in 1915 with a tradition that has lasted through generations. From old style print to magazine format, I've transformed as students graduated, my styles changing with each new layout designer and editor. My photography has shifted from black and white to digital and my distribution once peaked at 5,000 per issue.

But now my distribution is down to less than 4,000 and readership is in steep decline."



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## Opening Thoughts from the Editorial Staff

*"Even with online news, there is nothing quite like reading a Sunday newspaper with your cup of vanilla bean coffee."*

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*"Ignorance is [NOT] bliss."*

- News Editor, Jessica Vaysberg

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- Opinions Editor, Jerad Maplethorpe

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- Sports Editor, Morgan Pfaller

*"Reading the school newspaper will educate you about local and worldwide events. This allows you to add to discussion and debate in the classroom."*

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- Chief Copy Editor, Allie Schrader

*"It's the reader's responsibility to keep the trees from overpopulating."*

- Digital Imaging Editor, Nate Eul

*"The enjoyment of having something tangible in hand can never be replaced in my book."*

- Cartoonist, Lenn Soderlund

## Students create products in MEP class

Rachael Lundeen  
Staff Writer

Every semester at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, students partake in a Manufacturing Enterprise Practicum course. Each enterprise decides what product to manufacture. As part of the course, they must decide on a product to make, market, sell, manufacture and then deliver the product to the customer. Every class features an executive leadership board with the positions CEO, COO, CFO, Human Resource Director, Sales and Marketing Director and Materials and Purchasing.

This year there are five sections of the course making products such as cutting boards, diploma frames, coasters that come in holders, custom picture frames and helix wine racks.

The students in the first section of the MEP course call themselves Cutting Edge. They will be running a company that produces wooden cutting boards made of maple and walnut. The cutting boards are customizable up to 20 characters with the option of a UW-Stout logo.

Cutting Edge's stand will be located in Price Commons on Nov. 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Section two students are known as the Frame of Success and are producing custom diploma frames.

"You can put your school name, logo, year or anything you want on them up to 30 characters in length, and they come in maple or walnut wood," said Frame of Success CEO Ryan Konz, a senior.

The section three class of MEP goes by Blue Devil Coasters. Their product is a set of four coasters in a wooden base. They come with glass covers and four different UW-Stout logo inserts. Their Facebook page, Blue Devil Coasters, features pictures of the product.

"When starting, our biggest concern was

making something that all students, faculty, parents and community members would have a use for and buy. "Our coasters are a great customizable product, UW-Stout memorabilia and makes a great gift for anyone," said Blue Devil Coasters CEO Erin Anderson, a senior.

Section four's enterprise is titled Framing Memories. They sell and produce custom picture frames. The idea is to choose any word and then the letters will be cut out of the matting in the frame. A picture can be placed behind each letter.

"We are providing a unique product that is completely customizable in order to capture the true essence of the memories to be celebrated and the desires of the customer," said Framing Memories CEO Tyler Cade, a senior.

The last section of the MEP course operates under the name of One of a Wine and is selling hand crafted wine racks.

"We had the idea to sell helix wine racks," said One of a Wine Marketing Director Alysia Paskvan, a senior. "They are a long piece of wood that is bent in the shape of a helix. The rack can be wall-mounted and your wine bottles stick out horizontally. They all come in a dark cherry wood."

This class has many benefits other than the end products being offered.

"This class is the closest representation of a business. It's the most real world application of principles learned in other classes," said MEP course instructor Thomas Harvey.

"I love how this is providing me with real life business experience," said Framing Memories marketing team member Jordan Peterson, a senior. "I want to work in sales and I feel that this class is a huge benefit for my career and will give me great topics to talk about in interviews."

For more information on the products offered, contact each section.

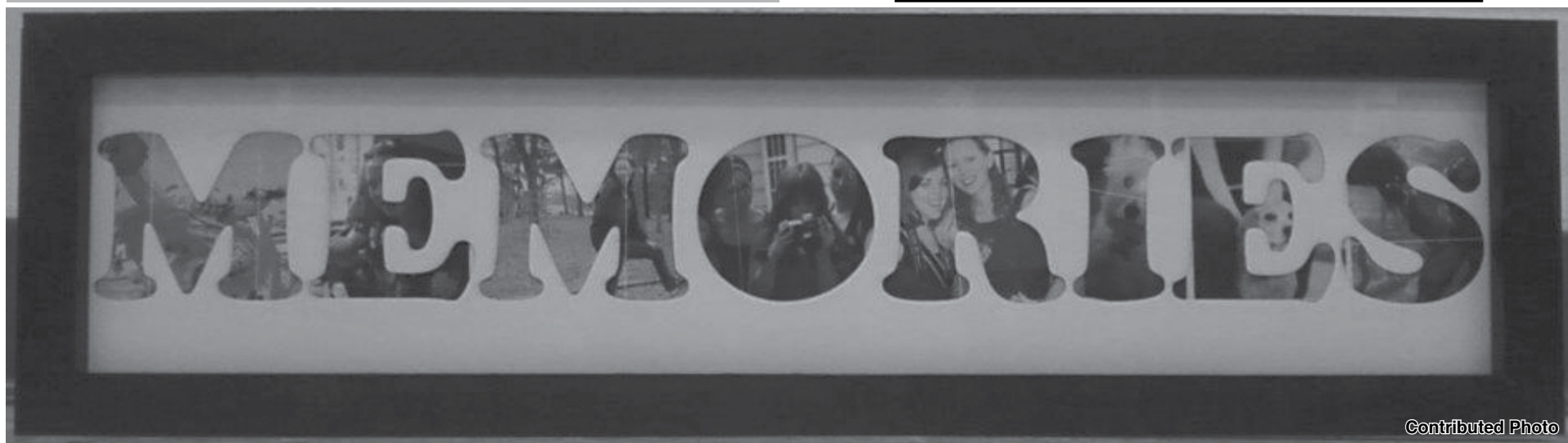
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A frame to remember all the good times.



Lindsay Lohan  
was sentenced to  
30 days in jail.

A 5-year-old backed her mother's car onto her neighbor's grass, then called the police for help putting it back into the garage.

The jet crash that killed an entire Russian hockey team in September was caused by a pilot error.

Two Eau Claire men were arrested after bringing marijuana they found in a wildlife area back to their motel room.

A lawsuit was filed against Justin Bieber stating that he is the father of a 3-month-old baby.

A Menomonie man is suing the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and a trooper who used a stun gun on him while he was handcuffed.

A new study suggests moderate drinking may lead to breast cancer.

# BRANCHING NEWS



Lauryn Seering  
Editor-in-Chief

## ~~Smooth~~ CRIMINALS

Tales of stupidity  
from Menomonie

### Citations Issued Oct. 19 -Oct. 31, 2011

Underage drinking first offense: 14  
Underage drinking second offense: 2  
Smoking in residence halls: 2  
Possession of marijuana: 3  
Possession of paraphernalia: 4  
Criminal possession of THC: 5  
Criminal possession of paraphernalia: 4

#### Right Under Your Nose 10/20/2011

A student had taken off their diamond interlocking hearts sterling silver bracelet during class, placed it atop their desk, and walked away momentarily. When they returned, the bracelet was gone. Let this be a lesson: even during your classes, you should always keep an eye on your valuables.

#### On the Rocks 10/21/2011

An officer was dispatched to a lounge in one of the residence halls on reports of a passed out student. Upon the officer's arrival, the student was sleeping soundly in a chair clutching a small glass of vodka. The student was woken up and then stated that he did not want to wake up his roommate, so he sat in the lounge area with a glass of vodka on the rocks. The student was of age but apparently unaware that students are not allowed to drink outside of their rooms in the residence halls. The student was informed that drinking is allowed in personal rooms or bars, but not in the lounge.

#### Tipping Tractors 10/21/2011

A police officer was dispatched to the southwest corner of the outdoor track

on reports that a large tractor had been tipped over. The dispatch was also advised that a male subject was on the tractor when the tipping occurred. The student was slightly injured when the plow tipped between the outdoor track and the chain link fence. The machine was eventually tipped back upright.

#### Mo-ped Jerk 10/25/2011

Unknown persons damaged a mo-ped parked outside of the University of Wisconsin-Stout library. They broke the plastic off the dash and exposed the delicate wires. The seat was also slashed and the battery cover was missing. What a jerk move—"I don't want to study, so I'm gonna mess up this mo-ped!"

#### Unexpected Surprise 10/28/2011

An officer discovered feces in the toilet paper dispenser in a Jarvis Hall restroom. It is unknown who placed the feces in the dispenser, but we are all wondering whose hands got dirty.

#### PETA Will Have A Fit 10/28/2011

An officer was called to Lot 34 because a student feared a cat was locked in the trunk of a vehicle. When they arrived on-scene, they could hear the cat meowing in dismay. The owner of the vehicle was contacted and arrived on the scene. When they opened the trunk, the cat jumped out, revealing cat feces splattered over the stereo speakers. The owner has no idea how the cat got in the trunk. Don't worry; the animal was transported to the Dunn County Humane Society.





Nate Eul/Stoutonia

A girl struts her stuff on stage.

# With a shimmy and a shake

**Jennifer Huynh**  
Staff Writer

With a shimmy and a shake, the performers of the second Annual Stout Amateur Drag Show performed their way to raise funds for the Trans Youth Support Network. According to the organization's website, it promotes "racial, social and economic justice for trans youth, with the freedom to self-define gender identity and expression."

This free event was hosted by the Univer-

sity of Wisconsin-Stout Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) on Oct. 26, in conjunction with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Awareness Month.

About a dozen UW-Stout students performed in the show, entertaining approximately 300 guests in Micheel's Hall. The event held a special appearance from Candy Frost, a professional drag queen from the Oz night club, in Wausau, Wis. The performances raised about \$200 for the Trans Youth Support Network.

"Every year we have a very successful professional drag show in spring," said performer and sophomore Robert Felton. "At one point, there was an amateur drag show at UW-Stout, so we wanted to bring it back."

Last year, the proceeds from the first Stout Amateur Drag Show went to another organization. According to WQOW.com, the show "donated \$185 to the LGBT Community Center of the Chippewa Valley."

Despite the on-stage glamour and glitz, the show takes substantial preparation.

"Shoes are by far the most difficult [to find] due to some of us having such big feet. Many of us just borrow our friends' shoes, dresses and clothes," said Felton.

"The tallest heels I own are 13.5 inches tall," said Candy Frost during her on-stage discussion about shoes with the audience.

After the show, many students stayed to enjoy the following dance party featuring a live D.J.

"The show was super fun," said UW-Stout student Margo Amundson. "Everyone should go to a drag show at least once, even if it is a step outside their comfort zone, to experience something different."

The performers, music and costumes are likely to happen again next year. Until then, watch for the professional drag show this spring.

**Jessica Christianson**  
Staff Writer

When some people hear of the Optimist International Club, there is a chance they may think of Optimus Prime, a character from the "Transformers" series. Even though the club has nothing to do with larger than life robots, being a member of the club may indeed transform your lifestyle.

This year the Optimist Club is a new organization at the University of Wisconsin-Stout dedicated to helping the area's community and youth. Although it's fairly new to the campus, there are over 2,900 other charters of the organization around the world.

Chelsea Culver suggested creating the Optimist Club at UW-Stout after she was approached by a member of the Menomonie Optimist Club about doing so on campus.

In order to establish a campus charter, Culver needed a minimum of 15 members. Fortunately, Culver was able to find 15 students interested in joining the club right away and has since seen the club nearly double its membership to 28. She has hopes of reaching 50 members by the end of this semester.

"We are looking for people that are positive and see the glass half full," said Culver. The club will be partnering up with events such as Relay for Life and is open to working together with other organizations as well.

"We noticed there is a disconnect between the campus and Menomonie, so we want to make Stout more visible within the community," said Culver.

Every Monday the organization meets at 5 p.m. in Price Commons. The meetings are not mandatory, but they are used to bring forward new service ideas. The club is open to hearing every member's ideas and putting the ideas into action. The Optimist Club funds the service ideas and is there to provide support for making service ideas possible. The Menomonie Optimist Club has recently funded and been working in support of Phelan Skate Park, the tower on top of Hoffman Hills and the playground equipment.

"The Optimist International Club allows you to do what you suggest," said Culver.

Every year, the organization as a whole conducts 65,000 service projects and serves over six million young people. Since it is new to UW-Stout, it's still going through the final stages of gaining charter status on campus and still contributing ideas and getting them to move forward into projects. Dues for the club are \$25, which, in part, pays for the service shirt that is worn during service activities.

"It's a mindset, it's above and beyond the community," said Culver. "It's wanting better things for others."

For more information, contact Chelsea Culver at culverc@my.uwstout.edu.

## Optimist club



Leah Monson/Stoutonia

Calvin Keys is super stoked!



# Students to study abroad in Nicaragua over WinTerm

Susan LoRusso  
Staff Writer

Taking a WinTerm class usually means hiding from the cold, hovered over your computer trying to knock out a few credits. For one group of University of Wisconsin-Stout students, WinTerm 2012 will be spent in the Central American country, Nicaragua.

This trip is not a vacation but the centerpiece of Biology 220 – Physiology of Disabilities in Nicaragua. Beginning Dec. 28, students will take part in online discussion and quizzes, and the actual visit to Nicaragua will take place Jan. 9- 18.

Generally, the course is not specific to Nicaragua, but one student felt the two were a match. Julia Haas, a senior studying applied science, recently worked at a rural Nicaraguan public hospital as part of the Wisconsin to Nicaragua Partnership.

Haas was struck by the poverty and hardship in Nicaragua and wanted fellow UW-Stout students to get involved and help the citizens of the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

Haas said, “Part of my heart belongs to Latin America. I love molding the culture that I love with what I have learned in school. I want to see other students experience the same.”

Haas brought the idea of volunteering in Nicaragua to the Stout Pre-Health Society (SPHS), an organization for students who are planning for a career in the healthcare field. Haas is a member and last year helped establish the organization, whose primary objective is to provide volunteer services to people with healthcare and medical needs.

“Julia brought up the idea and really got



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Haas in Nicaragua.



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Haas in Nicaragua.

everyone excited,” said SPHS Treasurer Jessica Hoffstatter, a junior. “She had such a great experience and learned a lot in Nicaragua and we thought – yes, we should do this.”

“Many of the students were very interested in a trip to Nicaragua but wanted to get credit for the time spent there,” Haas said.

Haas and members of SPHS asked Biology Department faculty to create a curriculum centered around physiology and a Nicaraguan study abroad experience. Associate professor Ann Parsons agreed to develop and teach the class.

The key to this course is hands-on experience and being immersed in a new culture.

“This trip will give students the opportunity to take the physiology of disabilities out of the classroom and put it in a new culture context,” said Haas. “Students will be able to compare American health issues and Nicaraguan health issues and the resources available in both countries. The differences are vast.”

While in Nicaragua, students will volunteer at several clinics where they will interact with individuals with diabetes, cognitive as well as physical disabilities and survivors of domestic violence.

Dozens of students were initially interested in the Nicaraguan experience, but significant course fees—approximately \$3,000—prevented some from participating. It is expected about a dozen students will travel to Nicaragua.

Senior Baley Schubert, a dietetics major, is enrolled in the course and wishes more students would realize what the fees entail.

“It really isn’t that expensive,” said Schubert. “The fee includes the cost of a three credit course, airfare, health insurance, food, lodging and a once-in-a-lifetime experience.”

“We are doing what we can to help students out with the cost,” said Hoffstatter. “We are fundraising by raking leaves, hanging up posters and sending letters to family members ask-

ing for donations. I would like as many students as possible to get to experience Nicaragua.”

The students will have some downtime while in Nicaragua with a weekend to explore the country and will spend time with a local fire department to receive repelling training.

“I am looking forward to the overall experience,” said Schubert. “I am a Spanish minor and am excited to be surrounded by their culture and language. I want to see where this developing country is at and compare that to where we are at. I want it to open my eyes and see how I can learn to live with less.”

Organizing the study abroad opportunity is the result of students and faculty working together, and it is anticipated that these efforts will be long-lasting.

“We want this to be a sustainable project,” said Haas. “I am hoping this will be such a great experience for everyone that the university will see a demand to do it next year. I hope someday there will be a 20th annual trip.”

For more information on Stout Pre-Health Society and studying abroad in Nicaragua, contact [sphs@uwstout.edu](mailto:sphs@uwstout.edu).



# Military appreciation on campus



Vets line up for a picture.

**Andrew Schneider**  
Staff Writer

During the Blue Devils' football game on Oct. 22, a tribute was held for members of the armed forces.

In the hours before the game started, various local military organizations put on events for members of the military and civilians alike.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Veterans Club hosted a tailgating party, grilling burgers and brats. The Wisconsin National Guard put up a climbing tower in the parking lot, and UW-Stout ROTC put together a flag detail with ROTC cadets to march in the colors before the game.

During the game, UW-Stout Chancellor Sorenson entertained members of the military in

the chancellor's box. One of the guests honored included LTC Stout, professor of military science here. Stout's wife also sung the national anthem before the game. Other members of the military included former cadets who are now officers in the Army as well as former professors of military science.

Patrick Purves, a former cadet, is now a first lieutenant in the 1-147th aviation battalion and

just returned from flying Blackhawk helicopters in Iraq last June. He was spotted talking to and giving advice to Kelly Yule, a newly commissioned second lieutenant, who will be starting aviation school to fly helicopters early next year.

Amidst the ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the soldiers were given a nice opportunity to relax and just watch some football.



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# Student walkout: let's change that

Claire Mathiowetz  
Staff Writer

What started out as a letter to a congresswoman quickly turned into a school-wide protest. On Thursday, Oct. 27, students gathered in front of the University of Wisconsin – Stout library to protest recent budget cuts for UW System schools. The protest developed into The High Priority Student Walkout.

Lakayana Drury, a senior, came up with the idea for the walkout two weeks ago after he had written a letter to Congresswoman Sheila Harsdorf regarding the budget cuts. Soon after, the idea for a walkout turned into a possibility, starting with a Facebook group and then turning into more than 800 flyers passed out to students and faculty. The slogan for the rally was: We are the seven percent. We are the low-priority. Let's change that.

The Department of Administration has imposed a budget cut for UW System schools amounting to nearly \$113 million; this is on top of a \$250 million budget cut from last year, according to the Stout News Release. UW Systems account for seven percent of the state budget, and 38 percent of the new budget cut was applied to UW System schools.

"The budget cut gave an already tight school system an even tighter grip," said Drury. "This is going to cause salaries of teachers to go down and tuition for students to go up. We, as a school, failed to make the high priority list."

The protest occurred from 2-5 p.m. and started at the library, but as the day went on, the group decided to march through UW-Stout buildings including Jarvis, Heritage, Micheels and Harvey Halls. Drury said students were surprised by the procession and teachers came out of their offices to cheer them on, offering thumbs-up and applause.

Drury said, "As the beginning of a new movement of social activism on campus, our protest mirrored the start of the Wall Street protests in which a small number of individuals inspired others to join the cause and spurred bystanders to action."

"The protest went very well. It got a lot of media attention. Around 20 people showed up, and the next step is to make more students aware about the imposed budget cuts in the UW System," said sophomore Danny Jay, who attended the protest.

"I hoped for attention from the media, I hoped for attention from the state Congress," said Drury. "But most of all, I wanted attention from the rest of Stout who didn't show up for the rally. I wanted them to wonder why were those students out there? What was so important that they would leave their classes? I wanted to inspire and take action and be a part of it all."

The movement doesn't end here. "There is also a chance of having more marches and protests in the future," said Jay. "Also, around campus there are flyers on different tables at Stout to get the news out there."



Nate Eul/Stoutonia

Students stand up for their rights.



# UW-Stout freshmen required to complete e-Chug



Nate Eul/Stoutonia

An example of the container alcohol comes in.

Jessica Vaysberg  
News Editor

Beginning this semester, freshmen at the University of Wisconsin-Stout are required to complete e-Chug, a confidential online assessment program aimed at college students. Students who do not complete the program will have a hold placed on their record, keeping them from registering for classes the next semester.

"It's an educational assessment, a snapshot into where their drinking falls compared to other Stout students," said UW-Stout Alcohol and Other Drug Program Coordinator Jake Bloom. "[The assessment] really provides a lot of education when you take it."

UW-Stout has been using the e-Chug program for more than five years but has just recently made it mandatory. This change was made in an effort to reduce high-risk alcohol use.

Although traditional freshmen are not old enough to legally drink alcohol, many already do, Bloom said. "We know that many high school seniors drink and come in with drinking patterns not too far off from college students. The age of the first drink is getting lower and lower in our country."

"It helps the establishment know more about its students in all areas as a whole," said Kayla Hollatz, a freshman. "I have taken [the survey] already. I think it is more helpful for other students to maybe see in writing some of the choices they make."

e-Chug works by asking students various questions about their alcohol use and then provides individualized feedback. Students' tendencies are compared to social norms. Subject areas include risk patterns, level of alcohol tolerance, family risk factors, harm reduction strategies and resources.

Sophomore Aubrey Worke believes e-Chug would have been useful for the current sophomores to have completed last year. "It could tell us our limit and when to stop," Worke said.

e-Chug has been working well. "It really helps debunk the myths," said Bloom. "Research has shown that e-Chug really reduces dangerous, hazardous behaviors."

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# Newspaper Death Watch

**Lauryn Seering**  
Editor-in-Chief

My own relationship with the Stoutonia has been the same: all ups and downs and twisty turns. From staff writer to Editor-in-Chief, I've watched this paper grow. But this year, I've been blown away with not only relevant content and timely stories but with coverage on events that are important to students and faculty alike, such as the drinking and tobacco bans or the freedom of speech Miller articles; our pictures are fantastic, our articles are both funny and interesting.

So this has me wondering— why is our readership swiftly falling? And the answer turned out to be both comforting and disheartening. I spoke one-on-one with our advisor, David Tank, who teaches most journalism courses on campus, such as Writing for the Media and Mass Communication.

"It's a tough question why readership is on the decline," Tank said. "I think it's literally just a habit. Newer students don't even think to pick up the paper. They are so used to the Internet and getting information online. I don't think it's a judgment on the quality of the paper or the content."

But for our newspaper, a switch to online is unfeasible. Our editorial staff is supported by the ads we place in our print edition, and the

Internet does not provide us with the revenue needed to pay the staff. In order to continue Stoutonia-Online, we must keep our print edition.

"This decline isn't just our paper," Tank said. "The decline in news on television is also down, almost a two-thirds drop. Students are watching 10 percent more TV but less news programs. Even popular local magazines such as Volume One have had a decline in their print edition."

The decline is not only local, but nationwide. A poll taken by the State of the News Media illustrates that 46 percent of Americans get their news online, and only 40 percent of people report viewing news in any form. That means 60 percent of people don't read, watch, listen to or have an interest in the news. At all. Adults ages 65 and up are most likely to read print news and adults ages 18 to 34 are least likely.

Looking further into the polls, you can easily note the correlation between newspaper readership and level of education. Graduate students are more likely to read news than those with a high school education. In fact, graduate students are 70 percent more likely to be up-to-date on current news. And with college freshmen hot out of high school, where does this leave our little paper?

"I think is important in any community to be a part of what's going on," Tank said. "They need to be aware beyond their immediate circle. I take a poll every year in my Mass. Comm. class, where students

*"I'm lonely. Oh, so lonely. I'm the Stoutonia newspaper, born in 1915 with a tradition that has lasted through generations. From old style print to magazine format, I've transformed as students graduated, my styles changing with each new layout designer and editor. My photography has shifted from black and white to digital and my distribution once peaked at 5,000 per issue.*

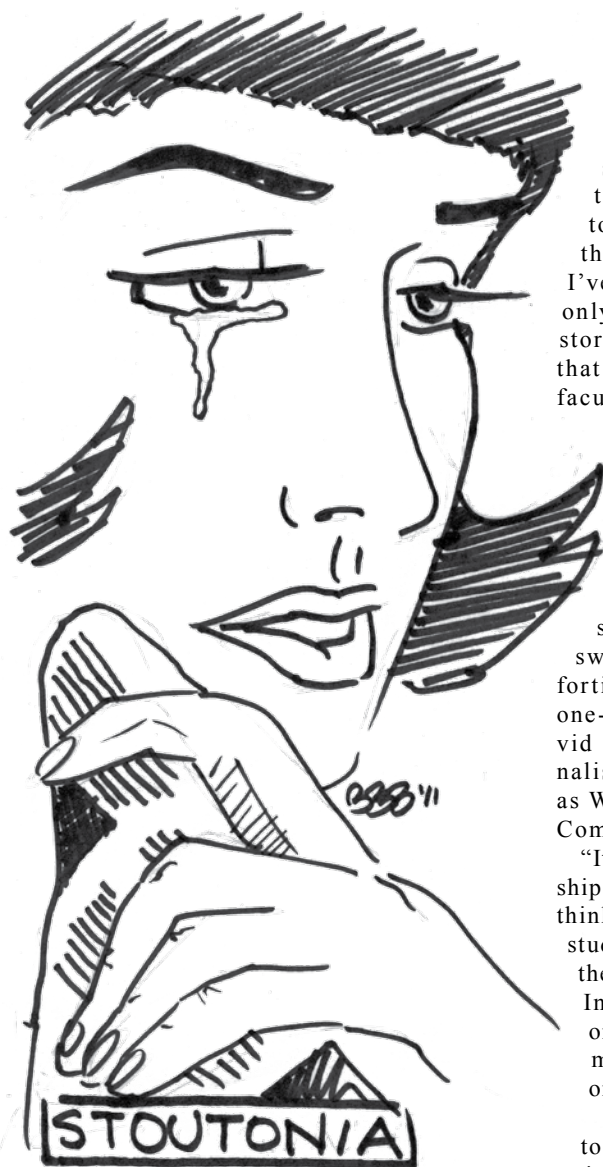
*But now my distribution is down to less than 4,000 and readership is in steep decline."*

illustrate their media use during the first week of class. For a while it seemed that the decline in print newspaper was evened out by online, but that trend is gone. It would be nice to see if we could develop students' interests in news."

I can assure you that our paper won't die completely, at least not yet. But our culture demands free news, which isn't very realistic. For example, the New York Times now charges users for their news. You can visit the site 20 times before you are charged a monthly fee. This isn't working for The Times because people will instead travel to sites that don't charge for their news.

Right now, the most successful printed papers are hyper-local. Hyper-local means that they are focused on a small audience. While the Stoutonia is also hyper-local, right now our mission is to get each issue into your hands. Our current objective is to simply have people on campus who know that a newspaper exists.

If you're reading these words, I want to thank you for supporting our staff. We work very hard to listen to what students have to say and to write the articles that you want to read. Just knowing that you are reading makes me not so lonely anymore.



Lenn Soderlund/Stoutonia

## Is the "Occupy" movement working?

**Jerad Maplethorpe**  
Opinions Editor

Is it possible to peacefully transform a world dominated by greed, capitalism and corporate globalization into something better? If so, what would that world be like? We are living in an age that may very well discover the answers to these questions. At present, it is difficult to understand the historical weight of the Occupy movement, but I believe it has the potential to change the course of humanity.

Consider it what you will: a global awakening of human consciousness, the simultaneous release of pent up frustration, the sporadic unification of individuals through a general ideological belief; it doesn't matter. What does matter is that the movement is real and continues to increase in strength across the globe.

Despite progress, the Occupy movement still has daunting questions to confront. For example, how exactly does the movement bring about significant reforms? Protestors in London have suggested that the movement should develop a unified vision with a clear objective that needs to be accomplished, which could then be presented at the G20 summit (a meeting of finance ministers and central bank governors from 20 major economies).

The problem with a unified vision, however, is that many protestors may disagree with specific policies and, thus, be turned off from continuing the movement. Furthermore, leaders would need to emerge in order to speak on behalf of the movement as a whole. A spokesman of this type is unfavorable because it allows individuals to come under attack and distracts everyone from the pureness of the ideas being

presented.

Although the Occupy movement has gained a great deal of enthusiastic support, there are citizens who assert that the protestors should "stop being lazy" or "go get an education." Unfortunately, the ignorance behind these comments isn't necessarily uncommon. If you read through the comments on any news blog covering the Occupy protestors, you'll notice the same old attacks over and over. Obviously, these individuals don't understand what the movement is about. Don't let their ignorance deter your passion for solidarity and reform.

If you don't know much about the Occupy movement, this is a great time to get involved. In essence, it is our generation leading the world in a new direction. And, unlike popular belief, it isn't the rich versus the poor. It is comprised of all people who are frustrated with the

way things are and who demand change. What will come of this? Something better.

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# UW-Stout's Drinking Culture

Jerad Maplethorpe  
Opinions Editor

"Do you know the No. 1 problem on universities and colleges throughout the country? No surprise; it's the use and abuse of alcohol."

These are the opening remarks of Chancellor Sorensen's opinion piece "Taverns promote college students' alcohol bingeing," which was featured in the Leader Telegram in October 2009. As the title suggests, Sorensen blamed much of the University of Wisconsin-Stout's binge drinking culture on taverns that offer cheap alcoholic beverages. The article concludes with a plea to tavern owners to reconsider their role in advocating responsible drinking habits.

Unfortunately, things were about to take a turn for the worse.

On March 23, 2010, Michael Dixon became the sixth UW-Stout student to die from an alcohol-related incident in two years. That was it; Sorensen had had enough.

It was March 30, 2010 when Sorensen penned a memo to the entire campus that would arguably change UW-Stout's drinking culture for good. Fed from sheer disappointment and outrage, Sorensen announced a slew of new policies: scheduling of Friday classes would increase in order to deter "Thirsty Thursday,"

students facing alcohol-related offenses would be dealt with more harshly (including possible expulsion) and UW-Stout police would work more closely with the Menomonie Police Department in busting off-campus parties (considered a haven for underage drinking and excessive alcohol abuse).

To the student body, these new policies went too far. In fact, I wrote a letter to the chancellor in the hopes of persuading him not to turn Menomonie into a "police state." This letter is largely responsible for my career with the Stoutonia. Looking back at the past two years, however, I must admit that Sorensen has done a surprisingly good job of accomplishing his primary goal of reducing excessive alcohol abuse.

Things are different than they were two years ago. I remember when crowds of drunks used to roam the streets of Menomonie on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. It was normal and tolerated. Now, however, it seems to be a different culture.

Sorensen had a difficult time addressing current students (at the time of his memo) but realized that the best way to actuate change was to concentrate on the freshmen and incoming students. In UW-Stout's publication "Life @ Stout," page 9 clearly defines what the university expects of its students in regard to alcohol consumption: "UW-Stout

takes an aggressive approach to under-age [sic] drinking and alcohol abuse. There will be financial and educational consequences for students who violate alcohol policies." Pretty straightforward.

In addition to this stern warning, UW-

Stout is also requiring freshmen to take self-assessments of their alcohol consumption prior to registering for classes the following semester. Is it overkill? Maybe so, but enrollment is at an all-time high and the drinking culture is, at least, becoming more mild.



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1	1	1203 1/2 14th Avenue East	\$350	\$350	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, off-street parking	D
1	1	802 6th Avenue #3	\$360	\$360	Nice-sized efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	\$380	\$380	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	\$385	\$385	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	\$390	\$390	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, great apt	6
1	1	1520 7th Street E	\$395	\$395	Nice apartment w/ garage, washer/dryer, close to campus	D
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #5	\$395	\$395	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great apt	6
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	\$395	\$395	Efficiency, new carpet, includes WSG & heat, great location	A
1	1	1520 1/2 7th Street E	\$395	\$395	Nice apartment w/ garage, washer/dryer, close to campus	D
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	\$425	\$425	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	\$425	\$425	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, close to campus	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	\$425	\$425	Efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$425	\$425	Studio, includes WSG, heat & parking, great location	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	\$435	\$435	Efficiency includes utilities & parking, great apartment	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	\$445	\$445	Great efficiency w/ loft & balcony, includes util. & parking	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	\$445	\$445	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, private entrance	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	\$445	\$445	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, close to campus	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #5	\$445	\$445	Studio, includes WSG, heat & parking, close to campus	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #1	\$455	\$455	Great location with parking, includes WSG & heat	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #6	\$485	\$485	Nice, large apt incl. WSG & heat, close to campus, parking	A
1	1	333 1/2 Main Street #1	\$495	\$495	Large, desirable downtown apt, includes WSG & heat	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	\$555	\$555	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities & parking	8
2	1	119 West Main Street #2	\$360	\$180	Close to campus and downtown, basement storage	3
2	1	113 West Main Street	\$365	\$183	Close to campus and downtown, some upgrades	3
2	1	115 West Main Street	\$375	\$188	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	3
2	1	1506 6th Street E	\$425	\$213	Large rooms, enclosed front porch, storage, large yard	D
2	1	2121 5th Street #B	\$450	\$225	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4
2	1	1803 1/2 7th Street E	\$460	\$230	Nice apartment, new carpet, washer/dryer, parking	D
2	1	619 13th Avenue E	\$475	\$238	Incl. heat, WSG, hot water, excellent location w/ parking	4
2	1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	\$475	\$238	Nice apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
2	1	1221 1/2 7th Street E	\$515	\$258	Nice, large apt, porch, WSG, heat, HW & parking included	4
2	1	1502 10th Street E	\$525	\$263	Cute house, new carpet, den, garage, behind Lammer's	H



Br	Ba	Address	Entire Unit	Per Person	Property Notes	Type
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #1	\$560	\$280	Cute apt, private entrance, <b>parking, heat, WSG &amp; HW incl.</b>	6
2	1	802 6th Avenue #6	\$560	\$280	Nice apartment, large rooms, <b>utilities &amp; parking included</b>	6
2	1	147 1/2 Main Street #C	\$560	\$280	Large, very nice, new carpet, <b>W/D in bldg, includes WSG</b>	A
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #6	\$570	\$285	Great apt, new shower, <b>parking, WSG, HW &amp; heat included</b>	6
3	1	2215 1/2 5th Street E	\$425	\$142	Lower duplex, good-sized rooms, <b>washer/dryer, parking</b>	D
3	1	220 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$630	\$210	Upper duplex, incl. <b>W/D</b> , off-street <b>parking</b> , great location	D
3	1	321 13th Avenue West	\$675	\$225	Super location, <b>washer/dryer, off-street parking</b> , nice yard	H
3	1	147 1/2 Main Street #B	\$675	\$225	Nice rooms & closets, <b>includes WSG, laundry in building</b>	A
3	1	208 13th Avenue West	\$690	\$230	Large lower duplex, <b>washer/dryer</b> , large rooms, <b>parking</b>	D
3	1	1503 7th Street E	\$720	\$240	Nice, lower duplex, hardwood floors, new siding, <b>parking</b>	D
4	1	1120 15th Avenue E	\$650	\$163	Good-sized rooms, <b>washer/dryer</b> , off-street <b>parking</b>	D
4	1	1115 14th Avenue E	\$650	\$163	Large rooms, washer/dryer, screened-in porch, garage	H
4	1	1508 10th Street E	\$650	\$163	Nice layout, new flooring, washer/dryer hook-ups, <b>parking</b>	H
4	1	1809 6th Street E	\$690	\$173	New flooring throughout, <b>washer/dryer</b> , off-street <b>parking</b>	H
4	1	309 14th Avenue West	\$740	\$185	<b>Washer/dryer</b> , room for storage, <b>parking</b> , good location	H
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #1	\$820	\$205	<b>\$1,060 with utilities.</b> Nice & spacious, <b>W/D, A/C, parking</b>	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #4	\$820	\$205	<b>\$1,060 with utilities.</b> Nice & spacious, <b>W/D, A/C, parking</b>	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #5	\$820	\$205	<b>\$1,060 with utilities.</b> Nice & spacious, <b>W/D, A/C, parking</b>	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #6	\$820	\$205	<b>\$1,060 with utilities.</b> Nice & spacious, <b>W/D, A/C, parking</b>	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #7	\$820	\$205	<b>\$1,060 with utilities.</b> Nice & spacious, <b>W/D, A/C, parking</b>	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #8	\$820	\$205	<b>\$1,060 with utilities.</b> Nice & spacious, <b>W/D, A/C, parking</b>	8
4	1	1215 10th Street E	\$840	\$210	3-season porch, built-ins, <b>W/D</b> , storage, <b>garage</b> , large yard	H
4	1	1600 10th Street E	\$860	\$215	Remodeled kitchen & bath, nice-sized rooms, <b>washer/dryer</b>	H
4	1	2235 South Broadway	\$960	\$240	Great house, good-sized rooms, <b>W/D</b> , basement, <b>parking</b>	H
4	2	1620 6th Street E	\$1,020	\$255	Great house, nice-sized rooms, <b>washer/dryer, garage</b>	H
4	2	602 12th Avenue East	\$1,050	\$263	Large bedrooms, new kitchen floor, <b>W/D</b> , close to campus	D
4	2	1515 6th Street E	\$1,100	\$275	Spacious house w/ den, <b>W/D, parking</b> , close to campus	D
5	2	2303 3rd Street	\$920	\$184	Big house w/ <b>washer/dryer</b> , fenced yard, large 2-car <b>garage</b>	H
5	2	2006 5th Street #A	\$950	\$190	Large house, good-sized rooms, <b>W/D</b> , off-street <b>parking</b>	3
5	2.5	1502 7th Street E	\$1,100	\$220	New bath floors, <b>W/D</b> , porch, den, large yard, good location	H
5	2	1521 8th Street	\$1,100	\$220	Nice-sized rooms, new paint, <b>W/D</b> , big yard, good location	H
5	1.5	1115 6th Street	\$1,125	\$225	Very desirable, <b>washer/dryer</b> , very close to campus	H
5	2	1803 7th Street	\$1,200	\$240	Large house, good location, <b>parking, W/D</b> , 2 HUGE bedrooms	D
5	1.5	1107 2nd Street West	\$1,250	\$250	Nice-sized rooms, good layout, excellent location, <b>W/D</b>	H
5	2	1208 9th Street E	\$1,250	\$250	Beautiful house, well-maintained, <b>W/D, dishwasher, garage</b>	H
5	2	2006 5th Street #C	\$1,250	\$250	Very nice apt, <b>washer/dryer, A/C, parking</b> , has everything!	3
5	2	1708 6th Street #A	\$1,375	\$275	Fabulous apt, <b>W/D</b> , large rooms, <b>parking</b> , has everything!	D
5	2	1708 6th Street #B	\$1,375	\$275	Fabulous apt, <b>W/D</b> , large rooms, <b>parking</b> , has everything!	D
6	2	1402 8th Street E	\$850	\$142	Corner lot, <b>washer/dryer</b> , off-street <b>parking</b> , full basement	H
6	2	1321 9th Street E	\$1,250	\$208	Spacious, <b>W/D, garage</b> , recently updated, great location	H
6	2	415 13th Avenue West	\$1,300	\$217	Big bedrooms, good location, <b>washer/dryer, lawn care incl.</b>	H
7	2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,295	\$185	Large house, <b>washer/dryer, parking</b> , 1 block from campus	H
7	3	1102 10th Street E	\$1,600	\$229	Nice, big house, good-sized rooms, <b>W/D, 2-car garage</b>	H
7	3	1803 7th Street E	\$1,600	\$229	Big house, <b>2 W/D, dishwasher</b> , 2 HUGE bedrooms, <b>garage</b>	H
10	3	1609 6th Street E	\$1,600	\$160	Recently remodeled, 2 living rooms, good location, <b>parking</b>	H

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"Black Gold" being shown at the Mabel Tainter.

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## Movie Review | "Black Gold"

**Andrew Schneider**  
Staff Writer

The documentary "Black Gold" was shown by Films & Resources for Encouraging Sustainability & Health (F.R.E.S.H.) to inform and connect people through topics of sustainability. If you missed the showing of "Black Gold" at the Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts, here is a look at some of the major talking points.

The documentary shows the stark contrast of the lives of the Ethiopian farmers to everyone else involved in the coffee trade. While Ethiopian farmers work in the fields harvesting some of the best coffee beans in the world, they live in poverty because they cannot get a fair price for their beans. Tadesse Meskela, a farmer's union advocate for farmers in Ethiopia, is looking for companies to offer a fair price and to eliminate middlemen in the world coffee trade. It is part of the fair trade movement which would help lift the farmers out of poverty and allow them to have more access to clean water, medicine and education for their children.

The documentary follows the journey of a

coffee bean after it's picked by the impoverished farmers and then enters a world of gross indulgence. The beans are shipped, traded, auctioned and scrutinized by what is part of a huge industry. The journey ends with consumers drinking expensive coffee drinks at coffee shops and baristas. All of them, along with the consumer, seem unaware of the inequity of them versus the farmers.

At the end of the documentary, ministers for trade in African countries at a World Trade Organization meet-

ing get underrepresented, a sign that fair trade in Africa is not likely to happen soon. The statistic that puts the inequality into perspective is that if Africa's share in the world trade were to increase by one percent, the continent would gain \$70 billion in revenue a year, which is five times more than is received by the continent in aid annually.

To see more films like this one, check out the Food for Thought film series movie lineup on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=271692649518318>.

**"The documentary shows the stark contrast of the lives of the Ethiopian farmers to everyone else involved in the coffee trade."**

## Film to make world premiere in Menomonie

**Jeff Gerbert**  
Staff Writer

An award-winning documentary, directed by Twin Cities native Steven Meyer, will make its world debut at the Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts on Nov. 7.

The documentary, "Buried Prayers," tells the story of various treasures that the Jews hid underground from Nazis in concentration camps. The film has received positive feedback, having won the award for best documentary at the Cinequest San Jose

Film Festival this past year. After "Buried Prayers" premieres in Menomonie, it will show in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles, which will qualify the film for Academy Award consideration.

Because of the documentary's strong nature of ethical content, the University of Wisconsin-Stout Department of Ethics will host the event as well as the UW-Stout Alumni Association.

"I think this movie sort of has a message of hope that you sometimes don't get when you see Holocaust [related material]," said UW-Stout philosophy professor Timothy Shiell. "There's no way of understanding the Holocaust as well as visually."

Shiell teaches an ethics class in which Meyer is scheduled to speak during the week of the premiere. Meyer will be discussing some of the difficult choices he had to make during the film's production.

"You think of ethical dilemmas

that arise for business managers – they have to face all kinds of dilemmas when making products, but you just don't think of [producing] movies in that way," said Shiell. "So, I think it will be very interesting for students to learn a new perspective on movies and what choices go into movie making."

The main reason Menomonie has been chosen for the film's premiere is due to Meyer's connection with volunteer Grant Steves at the Center of Applied Ethics.

"We were trying to bring someone in to lecture that is a good, top name in ethics," said Steves. "I mentioned this to Steven, and he

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-Shiell

said maybe they'd be interested in this film he was completing. And that's how it came here."

Steves was Meyer's high school debate teacher and also directed him in a play back in 1982.

"[As a high school student] Steven was avid in his pursuit of theater," said Steves.

**Mabel Tainter  
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Narration for the film is done by Laurie Anderson, whom Meyer enjoyed listening to when he was younger.

"When Steven was a young man growing up in Minnesota, Laurie Anderson was someone he liked to listen to, and now she's his narrator," said Steves. "I think that's a nice circle of events."

The premiere will be free to all and will start at 5:30 p.m. at the Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts. The event will begin with a reception which will be followed

by introductions, the premiere itself and it will then close with a question and answer session.

Steven Meyer will be available for interviews at the Robert S. Swanson Learning Center on Monday, Nov. 7 and Tuesday, Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Nate Eul/Stoutonia



# Movie Review | "Paranormal Activity 3"

Jeff Gerbert  
Staff Writer

There are two kinds of people in this world: people who think that the "Paranormal Activity" movies are laughably stupid and people who have to sleep with the light on for the next week after watching them. I consider myself to be in the latter group. Not gonna lie, this movie had me uneasy all the way through, wondering if something was going to pop up and scare the bejesus out of me. And I'm a guy who values his bejesus.

Fans of the series should be familiar with the characters Katie and Kristi and their history of dealing with demons when they were children. "Paranormal Activity 3" is a prequel to the first two movies. Taking place in 1988, the movie focuses on Katie and Kristi as children and how this demon began to torment them. The film follows the same formula as the last two: a family living in a house begins to notice strange things happening, so they set up cameras around the house to film the occurrences. As the movie continues, the encounters with the demon get worse. Like the preceding films, the pattern does get a little repetitive and I was hoping this one would stray away from that.

"Paranormal Activity 3" doesn't drift too far from the series formula, but it still manages to keep you on your toes and wonder what's going to happen next. The main goal of this movie is to scare the crap out of you, and I would be lying if I said it did not accomplish that goal. Every time the film went into a night sequence showing what the camera recorded while everyone was asleep, I was staring at the screen, chattering my teeth and wondering what was going to pop up and give me a heart attack.

At the beginning, the movie has some static and does a really good job of making it seem like an old VHS tape, but about two minutes later, I guess they get their hands on some futuristic digital tape because the quality becomes crystal clear. Other than that, the movie did a good job with making me believe it took place in 1988, which I think added a unique spin on the series.

"Paranormal Activity 3" is a suspenseful movie with a fair share of scares. I really hope they make a fourth movie telling the story of what

happened to Hunter from "Paranormal Activity 2." If you're looking to be scared, but not looking for anything incredibly deep in terms of plot, "Paranormal Activity 3" is definitely worth watching.



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# Game review | "Batman: Arkham City"

Hassan Javaid  
Staff Writer

Have you ever wanted to silently creep in the shadows, dress up as a giant bat and become the very master of the night? If so, "Batman: Arkham City" is probably the closest you'll ever get, and you'll have a great time doing it. As a follow-up to last year's amazing "Batman: Arkham Asylum," this game throws everyone's favorite brooding caped crusader into a city crawling with criminals and super villains.

In the story Quincy Sharp, the warden from the first game, creates Arkham City as a secluded part of Gotham City for the purpose of holding criminals. The absurdity of that idea, several more interesting themes, characters and classic locations make this game's story a serious contender to the rest of the Batman video and comic franchise.

The developers at Rocksteady clearly have a huge love for Batman. The writer, Paul Dini—of the Batman Animated series fame—created a story that is something straight out of a Batman comic.

Story aside, the gameplay is what makes "Batman: Arkham City" not only the best superhero game ever, but quite possibly one of the best video games ever. Unlike the first game, "Batman: Arkham City" is actually an open-world game. Story missions are scattered around Arkham City's various districts, along with a huge bunch of side missions, as well. A great thing about the side missions is that they aren't cookie cutter missions, but they feature

a villain from Batman's rogue gallery that furthers a small side story in the game.

The main story features excellent level design that is all tailored around who Batman is. The game doesn't relegate everything to a simple brawl-fest like many other games seem to do these days. There are crime scene locations and stealth sections, as well as very interesting and original boss fights. Some of the boss fights, such as one with the Penguin, require you to get in close in order to take out what is probably one of the craftiest villains Batman has to face in the game. Other battles, like the amazing battle with Mr. Freeze, has you try every gadget you own in various ways.

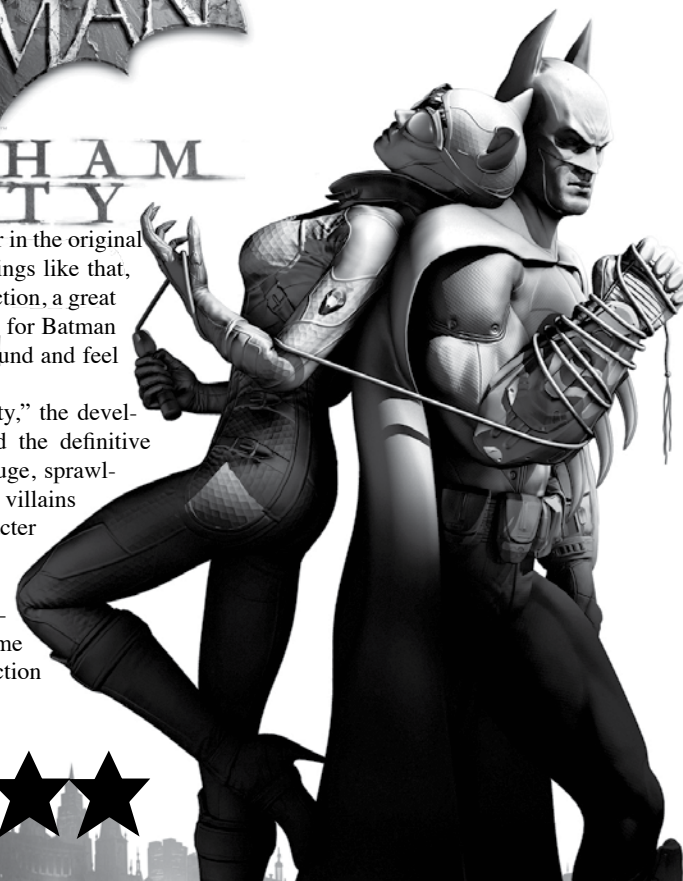
A big part of this game, and one that made "Batman: Arkham Asylum" so fun, are the gadgets and tools Batman uses along with his martial arts skills. You start out with almost all of the gadgets from the previous game and get some very cool new ones along the way. These gadgets, along with Batman's stealth and martial arts skills, make the game very interesting. A big difference from the first game is the ability to use your gadgets during combat. Combat itself is a rhythm-based affair, with the same core battle system from the previous game returning with minor tweaks and improvements.

It is worth commenting that the production values for this game aren't just amazing, but they really bring the feeling of Batman into the game. The voice of Batman is played by Kevin Conroy, who fans of the animated series will recognize. The Joker is voiced by Mark Hamil, who also voiced the Joker in the animated se-



ries as well as Luke Skywalker in the original Star Wars trilogy. It's little things like that, coupled with amazing art direction, a great musical score and a huge love for Batman that makes this game look, sound and feel amazing.

With "Batman: Arkham City," the developer, Rocksteady, has crafted the definitive Batman experience. With a huge, sprawling city to explore, tons of villains to face, a side playable character Catwoman and some cool challenge modes plus extras after you beat the game, "Batman: Arkham City" is the game for Batman fans and fans of action games alike.





# The Skinny



Wine tasting  
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Harry Potter 7 Pt.2  
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Mabel Tainter  
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Music by Wilfdank +  
Coniferous  
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## Furlong Gallery hosts faculty art exhibit

Rachel Policano  
Staff Writer

The Furlong Gallery is hosting the Bowling Green State University (BGSU) faculty art exhibit that runs from now through Nov. 10.

The Furlong Gallery will display BGSU faculty art with pieces from the digital arts, graphic design, 2-D studies and 3-D studies.

"[In the gallery there is] a variety of media and diverse points of view, representing all the different areas within the BGSU School of Art

from oils, photography, glass, ceramic, graphic design and so forth," said Furlong Gallery Director Geof Wheeler.

The exhibit at the University of Wisconsin-Stout is part of an ongoing art exchange with BGSU. UW-Stout art will be displayed in BGSU's Wankleman Gallery, located in Bowling Green, Ohio.

"This is an opportunity for the faculty [and] to share their research with each other and with their students," said Wheeler.

The art exchange between UW-Stout

and BGSU goes back many years.

"There has been an ongoing relationship between the two schools for the past 12 years or so," said Wheeler.

What can visitors expect to see at the gallery?

"The opportunity to see some beautiful and interesting works of art," said Wheeler.



Matt Culberson/Stoutonia

### UW-Stout faculty featured at BGSU

Robert Atwell, Foundations

Daniel Atyim, 2D Design

Joseph Haid, Photography

Charles Matson-Lume, Painting/Drawing

Bryan Ritchie, Printmaking

Nagesh Shinde, Graphic Design

Jolee Mickesh, Art Metals

Lars Jerlac, Sculpture

Noah Norton, Industrial Design

Jennifer Astwood, Industrial Design

Geof Wheeler, Ceramics



Rachel Policano



# Concert review: Darling Parade, Throw the Fight, 3 Pill Morning

Rose Meier  
Entertainment Editor

Your ears may still be ringing and you may still be singing "Not So Hollywood" if you attended the rock show on Friday, Oct. 29 at The Buck.

For those of you who did not attend the show, you missed out. From 8 p.m. to close on the Friday night before Halloween, Menomonie was rocking with music from opener Darling Parade, Throw the Fight (TTF) and headliner 3 Pill Morning (3PM). All three bands had stellar performances, such that I've been YouTube-ing videos nonstop since the show. Below is a concert review highlighting a couple of rockin' good songs.

Darling Parade has a great tune called "Never Wrong." It's absurd that a song like this only has 606 views on its official YouTube video. I've already hit the replay button about 20 times. Maybe other people's replay buttons are broken? Or maybe it's because the video was launched only two weeks ago. When live, the female-led band lets you feel carefree, empowered and cool.

It was obvious from the hook at the opening of their set that TTF was going to storm the stage and capture one's attention for the entirety of the show. The loud music from the highly energetic band was warmly hugged by The Buck's small venue. You may suffer some ear damage, but a great show is worth some sort of sacrifice. The five musicians managed not to fall off of the bite-sized stage (no Halloween pun intended) as they rocked from one side to the next. TTF signed off with their hit single, "Not So Hollywood," which raised fists and formed a wild mosh-pit.

3PM's song "Confrontation" needs to be in your iTunes. And it can be right now, legally and for free by "liking" their Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/3pillmorning](http://www.facebook.com/3pillmorning). Not sure how long this great deal is on, so confront your Facebook and get the download. For any fan, 3PM's live show was enjoyable and satisfying.

The show was one such that you didn't want to leave the floor and risk missing any of it, but your drink was empty and it was just about bathroom time. You had to weigh your priorities on that one.



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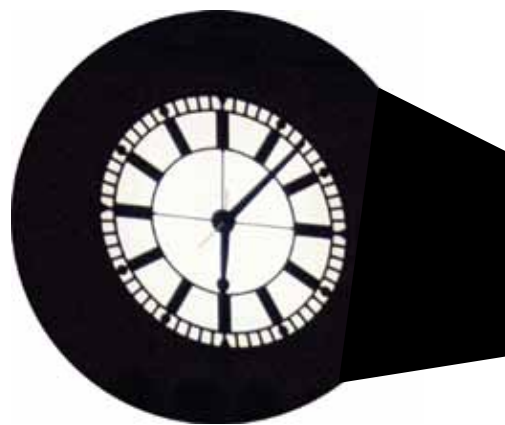
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Tuesday, November 8  
**International  
Trivia**  
7:00 pm  
208 Heritage Hall

Wednesday, November 9  
**Faculty Led  
Study Abroad**  
11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Sunken Lounge, Commons

Wednesday, November 9  
**Saudi Arabia:  
Culture & Customs**  
3:00 pm  
290 Micheels Hall



Thursday, November 10  
**Pakistan: The  
Real Truth**  
4:00 p.m.  
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Thursday, November 10  
**Haiti: The  
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5:00 p.m.  
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# Tim Nelson wins first individual cross country championship for UW-Stout

**Kou Yang**  
Staff Writer

Having been named three-time Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) runner of the week, winning two races and placing second in the Sundodger Invitational hosted by the University of Washington, Tim Nelson headed into the WIAC cross country championships looking to improve on his eighth place finish from last year.

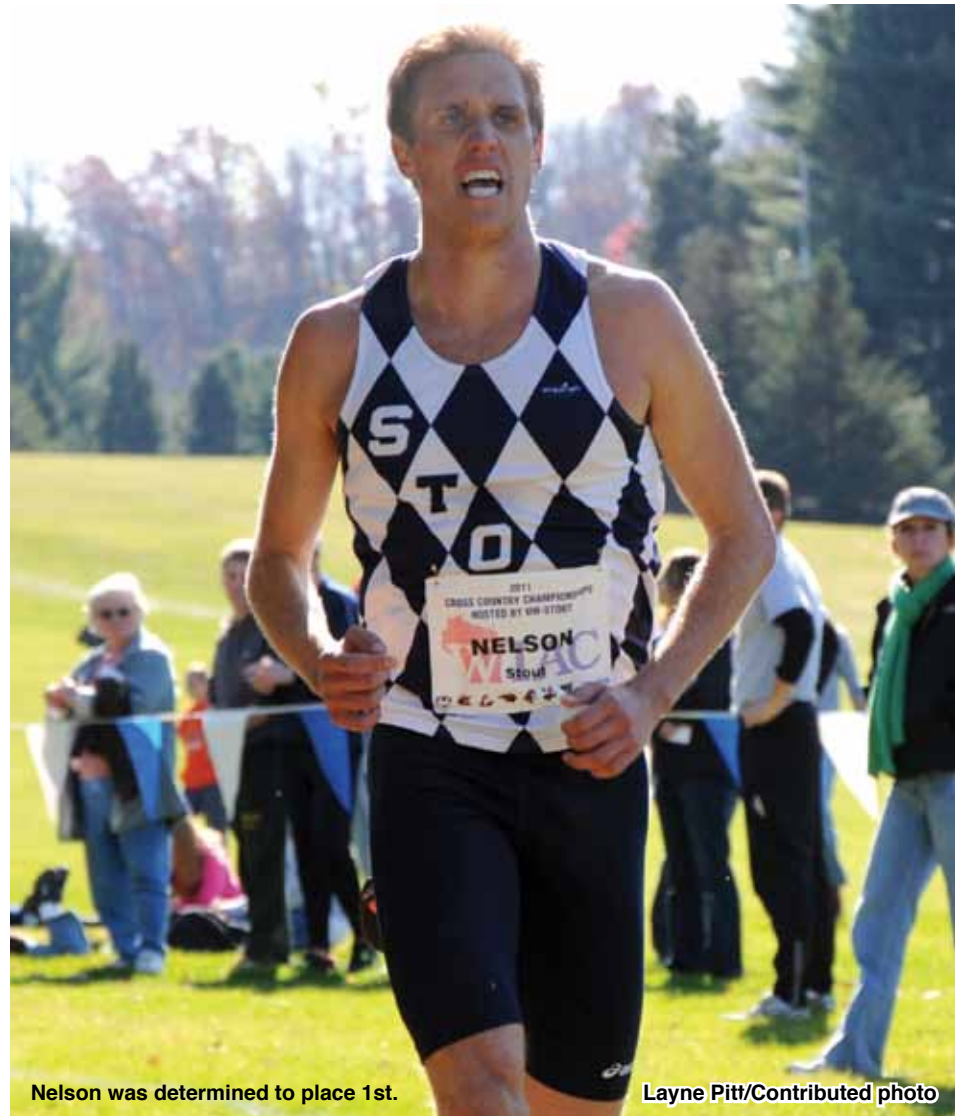
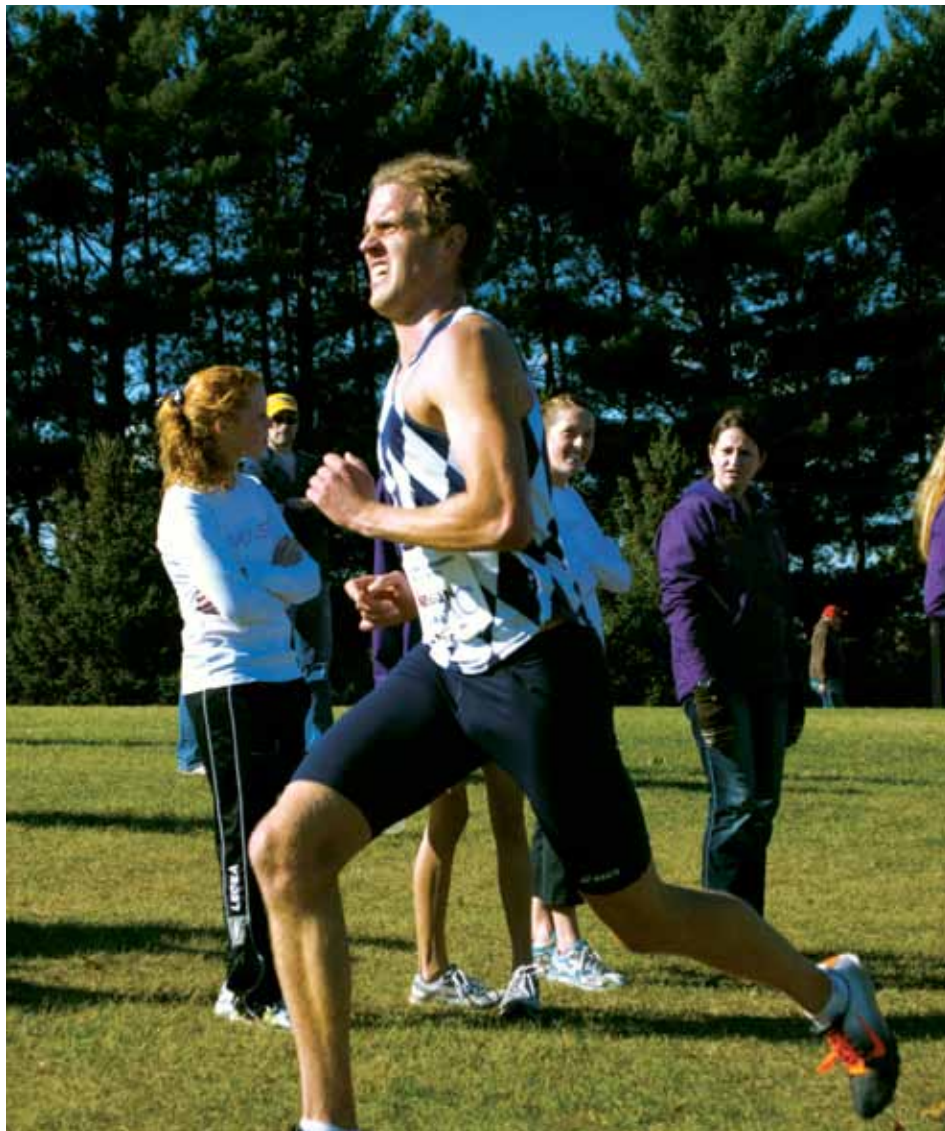
Nelson, a junior from Augusta, Wis., already broke the school record earlier this year at the Sundodger Invitational and put it all together last weekend, winning the WIAC championship.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout hosted the meet, which was held at the Whitetail Golf

Course in Colfax, Wis., where Nelson won the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Blugold Invitational earlier this season.

Nelson outpaced the field and won by almost 45 seconds in September. The margin was smaller this time around, but it was a win nonetheless, making Nelson the first UW-Stout runner to capture a WIAC men's individual cross country championship.

Early on in the race, the field kept pace with Nelson, but he pulled away midway through the 8-kilometer run, and history was made. Nelson finished with a time of 24 minutes, 41.5 seconds – 14 seconds faster than second place finisher, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh's Nate Stymiest, who finished with a time of 24:55.7. Josh Kahl of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse was third and fin-



Nelson was determined to place 1st.

Layne Pitt/Contributed photo

ished with a time of 24:59.5.

The Blue Devils finished eighth overall with a team score of 175. Mitch Easker, a junior from Antigo, Wis., finished 34th, Clint Loker, a senior from Sussex, Wis., finished 39th, and Paul Van Grinsven, a sophomore from Little Chute, Wis., placed 57th.

Daniel Channon, a sophomore from Deerfield, Ill., Tim Pastika, a sophomore from Kenosha, Wis., and Jacob Olsen, a sophomore from Mendota Heights, Minn., all finished in succession, placing 72nd, 73rd and 74th, respectively.

Freshman Tyler Henkemeyer and sophomore Kyle Mills, both from Rosemont, Minn., placed 76th and 87th, respectively. Tim Gliniecki, a junior from Mosinee, Wis., finished 96th.

Justus Bibeau, a senior from White Bear

Lake, Minn., finished 89th and was named to the 2011 All-Sportsmanship team.

UW-Oshkosh took home the team title with four runners in the top 10. UW-La Crosse placed second with two top 10 finishers, and the University of Wisconsin-Platteville took third.

Nelson will be trying to improve on his 17th place finish in last year's NCAA Division III Midwest Regional Championships.

Nelson went on to finish 42nd in the 2010 NCAA Division III Championships and was named All-Academic.

This year's regionals will be held in Rock Island, Ill., hosted by Augustana College on Saturday, Nov. 12. The NCAA Division III National Championships will be held in Oshkosh, Wis., on Saturday, Nov. 19.



# UW-Stout splits a pair against UW-Eau Claire

**Kou Yang**  
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout took on the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire for two games at the Dunn County Ice Arena on Oct. 28 and 29. The Blue Devils headed into the weekend undefeated but came out with a split.

UW-Stout got into the penalty box early and often but would start the scoring in Friday night's game with two short-handed goals. Garrett Grimstad, a junior from Rochester, Minn., scored in just under three minutes from the puck-drop with an assist from Kevin O'Donnell, a sophomore from Stoughton, Wis.

UW-Stout would go on to score two more goals in the first period. Dan Cecka, a sophomore from Woodbury, Minn., scored with assists from Grimstad and Charles Lachance, a junior from Quebec City. Joe Beaudette, a junior from Blaine, Minn., scored a power play goal assisted by O'Donnell and Lachance.

The second period was almost identical with Lachance scoring within three minutes

of faceoff. Branden Gay, a senior from Calgary, Alberta, added another score with assists from Sam Carr, a junior from Roseau, Minn., and Mike Hartviksen, a sophomore from Thunder Bay, Ontario, to make it 5-0 in the Blue Devils' favor.

The Blue Devils were called for 10 penalties, and the Blugolds finally made good with two power play goals from Eric McIntock in the third period, but that was not enough as UW-Stout went on to win 5-2.

Tom Lescovich, a junior from Clifton Park, N.Y., saved 26 of 28 shots, improving his record to 3-0.

UW-Eau Claire started the scoring in Saturday's game with two goals in the first period, the second coming on a power play, to take a 2-0 lead.

Both teams skated nearly the whole second period before Logan Maly, a junior from Rio, Wis., scored a power play goal for UW-Stout with assists from Chris Stafne, a sophomore from Duluth, Minn., and Luke Dillon, a freshman from Thief River Falls, Minn., to bring UW-Stout within one goal.

The Blue Devils evened the score to 2-2 at the

beginning of the third period when Zach Vierling, a freshman from Coon Rapids, Minn., scored his first collegiate goal with assists from Grimstad and Jason Cohen, a junior from Anchorage, Ala.

UW-Eau Claire would come back to take the lead for good with over five minutes left in the third period, when Jordan Singer beat Lescovich for the game-winning goal.

UW-Stout won the faceoff margin 38 to 29 but could not convert down the stretch as UW-Eau Claire went on to win 3-2.

The Blugolds put up 35 shots and Lescovich saved 32, including 14 in the second period, but gave up one more than he could afford to.

The Blue Devils ended the weekend with a 3-1 overall record and tied for first place with UW-Eau Claire with two points in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

UW-Stout will host Concordia College of Moorhead, Minn. on Friday, Nov. 4, and St. John's University on Saturday, Nov. 5. Both games are set to start at 7:30 p.m.



Determined to defend the goal



A victorious team huddle.

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# UW-Stout tennis serves up 6th place finish at championships

Kelsey Penrod  
Staff Writer

On Sunday, Oct. 23, the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Tennis Championships took place at the Nielsen Tennis Stadium in Madison. Sammie Swanson, a University of Wisconsin-Stout sophomore, and Abby Werwie, a junior, competed during the two-day tournament. Both teammates placed sixth, improving on their seed in the singles match.

With their improvements in the singles match, Swanson and Werwie also defeated the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, the team's biggest rival.

"Since River Falls is our biggest competitor, it felt good to beat them," said Werwie, a Kenosha, Wis., native studying apparel design and development. She has been playing tennis since third grade. At the WIAC Tennis Championships, she beat out UW-River Falls' Jenny Paxton 6-2, 3-6, 11-9.

Swanson was also able to beat out a UW-River Falls' player, Maggie Kregness, in the tournament and placed sixth with a 6-4, 6-3 win. Swanson, an interior design student, has been playing tennis since the age of 8.

"This year's season was a lot of fun!" said Swanson. "It was a smaller team, but it helped us all become closer. We were together a lot, especially during preseason, so it definitely helped build our team spirit."

Although the UW-Stout women's tennis team is enthusiastic about bonding and team spirit, the sport of tennis is very individualized.

"Tennis is a very mental, individual sport," said Swanson. "You really have to learn how to hold your composure or else you beat yourself up. This season I have definitely learned patience with myself while playing."

Werwie agreed with Swanson's comments, adding how it's really important for the players to believe in their own skills and abilities. "It's really important to do a great job for myself. Don't be scared to take risks or shots,"

said Werwie.

Zach Norby, head coach of the UW-Stout tennis team, completed his last year as the team's coach.

"Our coach helps me to believe in myself," said Swanson. "He always has faith, even when the team has its doubts." Norby has been coach of the UW-Stout women's tennis team for four years but has been coaching at a range of levels since 1999. "It definitely helps to have a coach like Zach," said Swanson. "He always keeps things fun and light within the sport."

The WIAC Tennis Championship on Oct. 23 wrapped up the 2011 UW-Stout tennis season. Werwie and Swanson both expressed how successful this year was and how the team really became one cohesive unit.

"Having a strong team was a big aspect this year," said Werwie. "Even if we didn't win, we still made the best of it all and had fun."

Although the team will be losing its coach, Werwie and Swanson still plan to return next year for the fall season.

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upcoming sporting  
events

## ■ November 4th:

- Men's hockey vs. Concordia College @ 7:30pm
- Women's cross country at Luther College JV Club @ 3:40pm
- Men's cross country at Luther College JV Cup @ 4:15 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs Lakehead University @ 7 p.m.

## ■ November 5th:

- Blue Devils football vs. UW-Platteville (Hall of Fame/Senior Day) @ 2 p.m.
- Men's hockey vs. Saint John's University @ 7:30 p.m.

## ■ November 9th:

- Men's Basketball vs. Blue Devil Basketball Bash @ 6:30 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. Blue Devil Basketball Bash @ 6:30 p.m.

# Volleyball team raises breast cancer awareness while tearing up the court

Morgan Pfaller  
Sports editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's volleyball team joined forces with the Mayo Clinic Health System and the American Cancer Society to fight it out against breast cancer on Oct. 28 at the Johnson Fieldhouse as the Blue Devils played the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Titans. Throughout the match there were contests, prizes and many opportunities for spectators to donate money to the cause. All proceeds were donated to the American Cancer Society.

The goal of the weekend event was to provide information and have staff from Mayo Clinic and the American Cancer Society answer questions about breast cancer. The American Cancer Society's Colleges Against Cancer chapter at UW-Stout sold "I Believe in Pink" T-shirts and raffle tickets to support the cause. The shirts were designed by the volleyball team's own member, Kate Mikutowski, a junior from Stillwater, Minn. and an art major concentrating in graphic design.

Since October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, it was important for the volleyball team to take part in the cause and raise awareness. Admission was free with

spectators strongly encouraged to donate money to the American Cancer Society. "Our student athletes are excited to host an event that is not only a lot of fun but raises money for a great cause," said Jill Joliff, UW-Stout volleyball coach. "This is a great opportunity to raise awareness about a disease that has affected so many of our athletes and their families."

Unfortunately, the Blue Devils were unable to beat the UW-Oshkosh Titans in a 3-1 loss. The Blue Devils lost the first set 25-20 and fought hard to win the second match 27-25. UW-Oshkosh took the third set, 25-15 against UW-Stout. The Blue Devils managed to play a fifth set and even led by 20-13 but couldn't maintain the lead long enough. The Titans took the victory with a 28-26 lead.

Mikutowski led the Blue Devils with 13 kills, Emily Crew, a freshman from Maplewood, Minn., had 12 and Morgan Denny, a freshman from Luck, Wis., contributed 11 more kills.

On Saturday, Oct. 29 the Blue Devils finished the 2011 volleyball season with a 3-0 loss to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at the Johnson Fieldhouse. UW-Stout lost 25-14, 25-19 and 25-16 against the Warhawks. Tori Sandstrom, a junior from Cary, Ill., led the team with seven kills.





# Womens' lacrosse: keep your hand on the stick and eyes on the ball

Morgan Pfaller  
Sports editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout offers many clubs and intramural teams for those students who don't have the time or talent to participate in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and are still interested in playing competitive sports in between homework and classes.

The women's intramural lacrosse team is the perfect opportunity for women attending UW-Stout to learn a lot about the sport and get their hands dirty playing on the field.

"I wanted to play a sport, but I also wanted to challenge myself and try out for something I've never played before," said Beth Buchholz, a junior from Sussex, Wis. Buchholz's attitude toward lacrosse is the same as that of her 22 teammates this season.

A typical practice starts off by running a few laps, stretching, a dynamic warm-

up routine and doing icebreakers so that everyone can meet and get to know each other. Then the team will begin doing stick skills such as cradling, throwing, catching and different ways to handle the ball on the field. The best exercise for new members to catch on to the game is to have them do two-on-threes to help learn the different field positions and running drills.

"Drills help us get ready for game situations as well as scrimmages," said Buchholz.

Lacrosse is a unique sport, as it requires the team to condition outside of games and practices, which certainly takes up as much time as any other college team.

"At our practices we run about a mile on the track every time, but then we are also running during our drills and scrimmages as well. Girls also run on their own time to help with conditioning outside of practices," said Team Captain Allie Gambel, a senior.

Gambel plays defense and D-wing, which is a defensive mid-field position, but in a pinch she can be the best at playing attack.

She has been playing lacrosse for the past six years and enjoys practicing with the team two times a week and attending team spaghetti dinners.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, the team traveled to Eau Claire, Wis. to play and unfortunately lost.

"I felt really good about the games we played on Saturday," said Gambel. "We played the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and Winona State University, who are both great teams, so even though we ended up losing both games, everyone was able to learn a lot. Fall ball games are all about getting teams together and allowing new girls to get some practice before real game situations in the spring, so it was a lot of fun. We were really able to bond as a team and have a great time playing."

Gambel encourages women to sign up for the team, explaining they will play about eight to 10 games this season, or to consider signing up for spring semester. It's a great way to get some exercise and bond with others.



Lenn Soderlund/Stoutonia

## BLUE DEVIL SCOREBOARD

### MEN'S SOCCER

On Saturday, Oct. 29 the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse stopped the University of Wisconsin-Stout's chance at the WIAC title with a 1-0 win against the Blue Devils. The Eagles' Taylor Baker scored the only goal of the game in the 15th minute. The Blue Devils were able to outshoot UW-La Crosse, but the Eagles were able to put more shots on net, holding a 7-5 edge. Robbie Shelby, a freshman from La Crosse, Wis., recorded six saves.

Next game: UW-Stout will head into the WIAC tournament play as the third seed and will possibly play the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, the University of Wisconsin-Rivers Falls, or the University of Wisconsin-Platteville on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at home.

### BLUE DEVILS FOOTBALL

Suamico, Wis., was six of six on the opening drive, with five of the six passes going for 10 yards. The University of Wisconsin-Stout was able to win against the University of Wisconsin-River Falls in a 16-10 victory on Saturday, Oct. 29 at Ramer Field. Eric Brown, a junior from St. Paul, Minn., scored two touchdowns to keep UW-River Falls winless this 2011 football season. UW-Stout will host the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Pioneers on Saturday, Nov. 5 in the final home game of the season.

Next game: UW-Stout will host the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Pioneers on Saturday, Nov. 5 in the final home game of the season.

### WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

On Saturday, Oct. 29 the University of Wisconsin-Stout took fifth place at the WIAC Cross Country Championships at Whitetail Golf Course. Katie Hicks, a sophomore from Anoka, Minn., and Alexa Ahler, a senior from Waukesha, Wis., earned all-conference honors and set the pace for the Blue Devils to finish in their best finish since the 2003 season. Hicks earned second team all-WIAC honors with a 10th place finish while Ahler earned honorable mention honors to finish 15th. Ahler was also named to the 2011 All-Sportsmanship team.

Next game: Join us again next season!



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*I'm  
Taken.*

*Thanks for  
having me.*

*(You have soft hands.)*



# STOUTONIA

The background of the cover is a collage of various food items. In the upper left, there's a bowl of colorful cereal. To its right is a large pile of yellow noodles. Below the cereal is a red cup. In the center, two lit candles, one red and one purple, sit on a white lace tablecloth. To the right of the candles is a plate of bread slices. In the foreground, a large plate is filled with a variety of snacks including cereal, potato chips, Oreo cookies, and nuts.

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Cover by Nate Eul

Not everybody has the time, skill and means to cook a full Thanksgiving dinner. Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie all sound like mission impossible for the average college student. Not to mention too old-fashioned. Here we have prepared a proper Thanksgiving dinner for any college student's budget.



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## Opening Thoughts from the Editorial Staff

*"I'm thankful for the stupidity of the current generation because it makes us seem so much smarter."*

- Editor-in-Chief, Lauryn Seering

*"I'm thankful for... no Friday classes?"*

- News Editor, Jessica Vaysberg

*"I am thankful for many things, but mostly for the nearly unlimited amount of opportunities that life has to offer."*

- Opinions Editor, Jerad Maplethorpe

*"This year I'm thankful that my solider can spend this holiday season at home!"*

- Sports Editor, Morgan Pfaller

*"I'm thankful for my Mac widgets."*

- Entertainment Editor, Rose Meier

*"I'm thankful for Aaron Rodgers."*

- Chief Copy Editor, Allie Schrader

*"I'm thankful for no snow."*

- Digital Imaging Editor, Nate Eul



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## UW-Stout receives The Program Achievement Diversity Award

Claire Mathiowetz  
Staff Writer

For the past year, the University of Wisconsin – Stout has made efforts to increase the number of racial and ethnic minority students staying in school. The State Council on Affirmative Action and the Office of State Employment Relations has acknowledged these efforts by presenting UW-Stout with a Program Achievement Diversity Award.

The Program Achievement Diversity Award is honoring UW-Stout on the Summer Bridge and Precollege programs, as well as the Math Teaching and Learning Center. This is the first year UW-Stout has received the award.

"The award is also specifically to recognize the closing achievement gap," said Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Julie-Furst-Bowe. "The retention rate, or the number of students that start as a freshman

and come back as a sophomore, for minority students is the same number as regular students here at Stout."

These programs are designed to help students make the transition to college. The Summer Bridge program, for example, brings minority students to campus during the summer and allows them to take short courses, live in the residence halls and get a feel for campus life.

The Biology Department was also rewarded for their efforts to help minority students. The National Science Foundation awarded a \$567,000 S-STEM grant to Kitrina Carlson and Krista James. This is part of a program in which scholarships are given to underrepresented minority groups in the applied science program, according to the UW-Stout news release.

"The grant is about increasing the diversity of our applied science student population by awarding scholarships, not only to underrep-

resented groups but to any student who has a financial need," said James.

This project, titled "Polytechnic Mission, Applied Science Vision," is based around the Applied Science 101 classes in which students are required to participate in a diversity education program.

"I think what is important for people to understand is that this is program-wide, and we are the only department on campus that is integrating this," said James. "We are very proud of this program, and we hope that other departments will start doing it too."

The Math Teaching and Learning Center has also had a big part in helping minority students. The Center has received multiple grants,

including a \$450,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education, according to the UW-Stout news release.

"We find that any student, regardless of race, tends to struggle with math, and since we started the math tutoring center, the number of students coming back the following year has increased," said Furst-Bowe.

The Program Achievement Diversity Award was presented to Chancellor Sorensen, Furst-Bowe and other UW-Stout faculty members during a ceremony at the State Capitol in Madison on Thursday, Nov. 10.





Hallmark is being sued for a fire that was caused by a snow globe they sold.

A new judge was assigned to the abuse case at Penn State.

A bill was passed allowing those with a concealed carry weapon permit to cross state lines with a firearm.

Many major websites are fighting against the Stop Online Piracy Act that threatens to censor the Internet if passed.

The man who fired shots near the White House was arrested.

A new study found that your blood type may affect your risk for a stroke.

Many Netflix customers are involved in a class action lawsuit involving Walmart.

# BRANCHING NEWS

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## ~~Smooth~~ CRIMINALS

Tales of stupidity from Menomonie

Laurn Seering  
Editor-in-Chief

### Citations Issued Nov. 1 - Nov. 10, 2011

Underage drinking citation first offense: 12  
Underage drinking citation second offense: 2  
Obstructing an officer criminal charge: 2  
Disorderly conduct criminal charge: 1  
Bail jumping criminal charge: 2  
Petty theft criminal charge: 2  
Deposit of human waste: 1

#### Bad Deeds

11/1/2011

A custodian reported that someone broke the glass cover protecting the light bulbs on a light pole by the soccer field. Several garbage cans and park benches were also tipped over. You rebel, you.

#### Super Creep?

11/1/2011

A student in one of the residence halls complained to the police that there was a suspicious person sitting in a vehicle for several hours early in the morning. After the subject was identified, it turns out that they apparently were working for the hall in question and had gotten locked out. They had work boots and a construction vest in their car. Everyday employee or super creeper?

#### Black Hole

11/3/2011

There is a lack of barriers around the demolition area between Third Avenue West and Second Street West. There are no barricades to block off the large hole

smack dab in the middle of the street. It's deep enough that it could cause damage to a vehicle or injuries to a pedestrian. The demolition site is uneven and unsafe. We want to make it clear that no one should be in there.

#### Forgetfulness

11/4/2011

A student notified an officer that property had been taken from their room. The student explained that they left their key in the dorm room door while inside the room. The student had inadvertently locked themselves inside with the keys stuck in the outside of the door. Items stolen: a UW-Stout ID, Wells Fargo credit card and \$15 in cash, along with the most expensive item: the keys themselves at \$40.

#### Lost and Sold

11/9/2011

A student rented spare keys from the front desk at their residence hall. A while later, they no longer had them. The student believes that they accidentally left the keys in a car he sold. Bad luck, dude.

#### Blow Dry Fires

11/10/2011

A pair of students accidentally set off a fire alarm in one of the residence halls. They had been drying their hair at the same time. All of the burning hair must have created quite a stench.



# Food for thought



Producer of "Dirty Work," and former Elsie's farm volunteers, discuss their experiences after the film. From left to right Deb Wallwork, producer, Jen Suckow, Dana Cowan, Arthur Kneeland and Will Christenson.

**Susan LoRusso**  
Staff Writer

Educating and promoting discussion about health, sustainability and equity to the Chippewa Valley is the motivation behind Film & Resources for Encouraging Sustainability & Health's (F.R.E.S.H.) free documentary film series, "Food for Thought."

Students, faculty and staff of both the University of Wisconsin-Stout and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire are founding members of F.R.E.S.H. and have collaborated to organize the eight-week series in Menomonie and Eau Claire Wisconsin. Each community will show four films between Oct. 11 and Nov. 29.

Over the past four weeks, UW-Stout has hosted a film each week at the Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts. The films' topics range from maintaining a healthy diet on food stamps to fair trade coffee.

F.R.E.S.H. wanted to host the event off campus to provide a free experience and promote community involvement but did not know what to expect for audience attendance.

"We do feel the film series has been a success so far," said Sarah Rykel, UW-Stout environmental sustainability coordinator and founding member of F.R.E.S.H. "We are aver-

aging over 100 audience members at each film and have seen up to 120 or 130. There seems to be a good mix of both students and community members."

After each documentary, there are guest speakers related to the film's topic. According to Rykel, the decision to add speakers was made to add depth and local relevance to each documentary.

"The speaker after 'Food Stamped' made the audience aware of how food stamps work in Dunn County and how we can help," said Sarah VanBostel, a senior.

"The speaker talked about how we can make changes in Dunn County and Menomonie, especially with the community garden."

**"We only spend 10 percent of our substantial wealth on food in this country. People are too concerned about stuff. The iPod you buy doesn't give any money back to anyone in your community. We have to realize that the money we spend at a CSA gives money to the local grower, who puts that money back into the local community."**

*-Arthur Kneeland*

On Thursday, Nov. 10, "Dirty Work" was shown, a film that told the story of Elsie's farm, a former local Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm. Following the documentary, the film's

producer and four former volunteers of Elsie's farm spoke about their experience and views about sustainable agriculture.

Arthur Kneeland, panelist and Biology Department lecturer, volunteered at Elsie's farm eight years ago and has continued to be involved with CSA farms and sustainable agriculture issues.

"We only spend 10 percent of our substantial wealth on food in this country," Kneeland said to the audience. "People are too concerned about stuff. The iPod you buy doesn't give any money back to anyone in

your community. We have to realize that the money we spend at a CSA gives money to the local grower, who puts that money back into the local community."

F.R.E.S.H. is a university organization, but its emphasis is on involving the entire community.

"It was important for us to have local businesses support the film series," said Rykel. "Not only to help off-set the costs, but to have businesses that care about sustainability and health enables the entire community to gain something from the event."

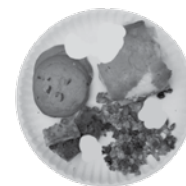
The "Food for Thought" film series is free for the public, but there are significant costs associated with the event. Each film has an exhibition fee ranging from \$150 to over \$200. The Mabel Tainter charged a fee for use of the venue but offered a substantial discount to F.R.E.S.H.

After the Nov. 10 film "Dirty Work," The Raw Deal hosted a reception featuring local growers and producers who spoke about their experiences and wishes for the local food movement.

Rykel said F.R.E.S.H. is planning to make the film festival an annual event with a new focus each year.

"After this series is over, we are going to determine how things went, how we can improve and

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what we can do in the future,” said Rykel. “Next year, we may focus on energy.”

The final three films in the series will be shown at UW-Eau Claire. For more information, go to [www.uwstout.edu/sustainability](http://www.uwstout.edu/sustainability).

Local sponsors for the “Food for Thought” film series:

UW-Stout’s Ally Center, UW-Eau Claire Sustainability Office, UW-Stout Environmental Sustainability Office, AmeriCorps VISTA, Sustainable Dunn, Menomonie Market Food Co-op, Just Local Food, Volume One Magazine, EmBark, Wisconsin SBDC Network, Midwest Dental, Castle Rock Farms, Out to Pasture Beef, Sioux Creek Wellness, Evolve Wellness, One Tree Martial Arts, Gateway Chiropractic, Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts



People gather to discuss sustainability.

# The budget at an all time low

Jessica Christiansen  
Staff Writer

“When in doubt, go to Stout!” That’s what freshman Jake Hallock thought of when he first considered enrolling at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Even

though Hallock wasn’t in doubt and disagrees with that statement, he is not the first UW-Stout student to have heard the rumor.

The saying is all too well known by many others and automatically surfaces to their thoughts when attendance at UW-Stout is mentioned.

If UW-Stout is a school to attend only “when in doubt,” then why has enrollment risen and broken new records each of the last 7 years?

In 2004, UW-Stout enrollment was 7,167. Since that point in time, the university has seen its enrollment increase steadily each year and is currently more than thirty percent higher in enrollment since 2004.

This fall, UW-Stout has 9,357 students enrolled, a number one percent higher than

last fall’s enrollment of 9,339. These figures not only count on-campus and off-campus students but also online and graduate students.

The Director of the Professional Communication and Emerging Media program at UW-Stout Matt Livesey said, “I think the soft economy is the biggest role because there are people that want to finish college, to get in a job they want, and Stout has grown more for the online programs to be available.”

“I came to Stout because it has my degree and it’s one of the only places that has my degree,” said Alex Boms, a freshman.

An advantage that UW-Stout has in its favor is that it has doubled the number of majors it offers—currently a total of 40—available for current and prospective students.

Hallock said the fact that UW-Stout is a polytechnic university increased his interest.

In spite of UW-Stout’s growth, one recent worry often expressed among students is the budget cuts taking place throughout the state. Students are definitely concerned with how the cuts will affect the availability of classes and whether or not there will be enough of everything to go around for everyone.

“I was part of the overflow of Stout,” said Torien Leath, a freshman. “I had to live in a room of the North Hall basement for a few weeks. I was happy to be accepted, but it was frustrating to not have help moving from the basement to a different building when a space opened up.”

“We have adjusted our admissions,” said Director of Admissions Pamela Holsinger-Fuchs. “We can accept 1,475 freshmen and 675 transfer students for next year, and we also have a four-year plan promise.”

The “four-year promise” assures that freshmen who hold the same major, without any change in their degree programs along the way, are guaranteed to have the appropriate classes available for them each semester of the four-year plan.

“Students come here because of our placement rates of 98 percent for placing a job after graduation,” said Holsinger-Fuchs. “UW-Stout has a fair price ratio and ...the book rental and the laptop rental.”

As for the budget cut crisis, Holsinger-Fuchs said, “...every school in the state is going through it and having to adapt to it.”



Leah Monson/Stoutonia



# Remembrance Day National Roll Call

Andrew Schneider  
Staff Writer

Starting at 6 a.m. on Nov. 11, a long, solemn ceremony had begun on the dark, cold and windy grounds underneath the Bowman Hall Clock Tower. For the next nine hours, the names of the 6,306 service members who have died in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan echoed across the campus.

"Sergeant 1st Class Greg L. Sutton, U.S. Army. Sergeant Matthew Soper, U.S. Army National Guard. Staff Sergeant Timothy B. Cole, U.S. Army...."

Volunteers took turns reading from the list. ROTC cadets provided a flag detail at the beginning and end of the ceremony. At 1 p.m. a national minute of silence was held, followed by comments and reflections by Lieutenant Colonel Stout and Sergeant Bensend.

In his speech, Sergeant Bensend put it best: "They traded this life of luxury here for the streets of Baghdad, Samarra and Fallujah. They fought in the mountains and flat-lands

of the Kunar, Helmand and Kandahar provinces. They sweat, they bled and they ultimately fell. The families of the fallen carry a deep burden of grief that time will lighten but never lift." After that, the names continued to be read.

"Senior Airman William N. Newman, U.S. Air Force. Sergeant Cory M. Endlich, U.S. Army. Airman 1st Class Eric M. Barnes, U.S. Air Force. Private Scott A. Miller, U.S. Army...."

The significance of Nov. 11 is not only that it is Veterans Day, but it is also Armistice Day. In 1918 the Allies of WWI and Germany signed the Armistice. WWI did not end from the unconditional

surrender of or the complete destruction of one side, but of a cease fire. After WWI, many of the Allied countries marked Nov. 11 as a national holiday, Remembrance Day. After WWII, the United States changed it to Veterans Day.

"Specialist Adam G. Herold, U.S. Army. Corporal Meresebang Ngiraked, U.S. Army. Corporal Llythaniele Fender, U.S. Army. Staff Sergeant Brian M. Long, U.S. Army...."

This year, Veterans Day also marks the 10th year of combat since Sept. 11. Along with the University of Wisconsin-Stout, 182 schools held a similar ceremony for the national event, Remembrance Day National Roll Call. The names of the over 6,000 war dead were listed chronologically.

In his speech, Sergeant Bensend closed with, "To our friends and fallen comrades, your lives meant the world to us. May we always be humbly grateful to the brave among us... who suffered and sacrificed... for the liberties and freedoms of all Americans."



The soldiers line up to commemorate their fallen comrades.

Andrew Schneider/Stoutonia







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Military members pose for the occasion.



Andrew Schneider/Stoutonia

Crowd gathers at national remembrance roll call.



# International Week



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The University of Wisconsin-Stout celebrated International Week Nov. 7-11. International Week featured student presentations and a cultural fair and was sponsored by the International Relations Club and the Office of International Education.

International Week at UW-Stout has been going on for over 25 years.

Associate Director of the Office of International Education and Advisor of the International Relations Club Vicki Kuester believes that having international students at UW-Stout not only adds diversity to the university, but is an added benefit for every UW-Stout student.

"Sometimes when you meet someone from a different culture, it makes you think about your own culture and how yours is similar [to theirs]," Kuester said. "Having international students on campus encourages American stu-

dents to think about studying abroad."

This year's International Week featured presentations about Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Haiti.

There are 189 international students at UW-Stout this fall. "We have students, cultures and customs from 35 different countries [on campus]," Kuester said. "The highest [number of students] are from Nepal, India, China, Saudi Arabia and then Mexico."



Students present about their country.

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# Move over, it's Movember

Jerad Maplethorpe  
Opinions Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout hockey team might play with a puck, but they understand the importance of protecting the ball, or balls, that is. The team has decided to participate in "Movember," a month-long devotion to growing mustaches in order to raise funds for men's health and, specifically, prostate cancer.

Although Movember is a fun, light-spirited event, it has a special meaning to the team: one of their teammates has been battling testicular cancer.

The good news is that he can-

cer is currently in remission.

Since it isn't the 1970s, the team isn't going to keep the mustache frenzy going forever. However, the team will sport them until the first games in December, at which time raffle tickets will be sold to fans allowing them to vote for their favorite mustache. A portion of the proceeds will go directly to the Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF).

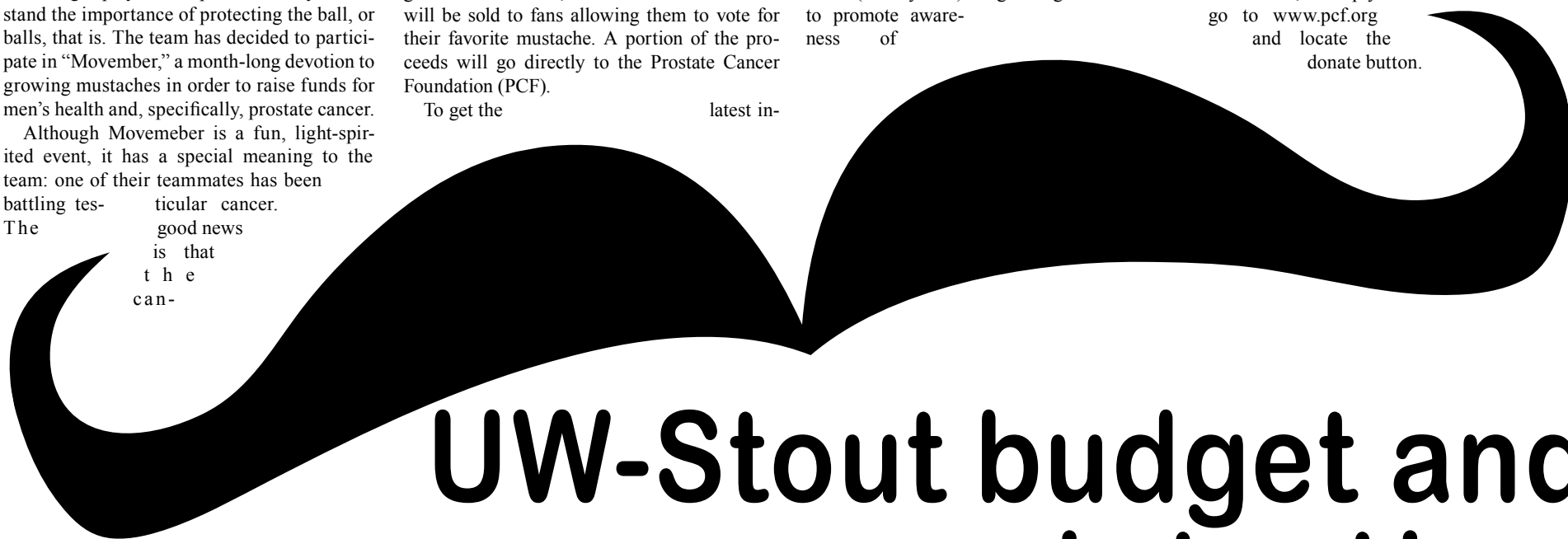
To get the

latest in-

formation, go on Facebook and search for the "UW-Stout Hockey Movember" event.

Hockey players, however, aren't the only ones taking part in Movember. People all over the world (usually men) are growing out the 'stache to promote awareness of

Movember's objective. I probably don't have to instruct you in the methods of growing a mustache, but, if you're interested in donating to the foundation, simply go to [www.pcf.org](http://www.pcf.org) and locate the donate button.



## UW-Stout budget and registration fiasco

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Recent budget cuts are forcing colleges in the University of Wisconsin System to return \$8 million over the course of the next two years. With record enrollment at the University of Wisconsin-Stout this year, that's a very bad sign.

In his public statement released to students earlier this semester, I recall the chancellor mentioning how he believed the students would be the ones who would suffer the most from these budget cuts. Unfortunately, his prediction came true.

The students will suffer indeed, and the first phase of this suffering has already been initiated. For those of us who take classes over the Summer or Winterm session, or even classes in general (I dare you to tell me you don't), the effects of these cuts are already being felt.

The amount of classes being offered by UW-Stout has decreased considerably, to the point where students like myself may have to stay an extra semester or two to be able to graduate. Art students, in particular, are feeling the squeeze the soonest, with only five art classes being offered in the Winterm.

It's not only classes during the Summer and Winterm sessions that are being affected

but classes during the Fall and Spring semesters, as well. Juniors at UW-Stout are unable to get into the classes they need. As you are probably well aware, UW-Stout has a "the longer you're here, the more priority you get" registration system. Because junior year is only one step away from senior year, it's very uncommon to find juniors struggling to get into classes.

The problem is simple: demand outweighs supply, and with the inevitable rise in tuition coming and delays to graduation being caused by lack of classes, things are definitely not looking up for UW-Stout students.

From a practical standpoint, the very concept of this is baffling, painful and hard to swallow. It literally goes against everything that is needed in a time where jobs are hard to get and the economy is suffering. More time in college, with hefty tuition prices, means more debt and more problems for eventual graduates. On top of that, it delays college students from being able to join the workforce sooner to help their society and economy get back to normal.

As far as being a student goes, I really do think it's a tough time for us all. First it was the teachers, now it's the students who will be the eventual breadwinners for the country, and you've really got to ask yourself, "Who's next?"



# Thanksgiving reinvented

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Editor-in-Chief

We are all college kids in this gravy dish; we want our Thanksgiving feast prepared for us, served on a silver platter and preferably shoveled down our gaping gobs as fast as humanly possible. After months of campus food, we are all drooling at the thought of some ol' fashioned home cooking.

But is Thanksgiving all about the food? Of course not! It's about sharing, hospitality, family and friends, turkeys and pilgrims and... Okay, so for most of us it's all about the food.

But it doesn't have to be that way. Before you go home for the holiday, have a little Thanksgiving fun of your own with these tips.

5) **Hand turkeys:** We made them when we were five, but that doesn't mean they've gone out of style. Slap your hand on a piece of paper, draw the outline, put your name on it and stick it on your door. Wam, bam, Thanksgiving spirit, ma'am.

4) **Dinner with friends:** As our cover suggests, a Thanksgiving dinner doesn't have to be a laborious endeavor. Before you go home

to spend time with your family, have a dinner with your closest friends. Bring Easy Mac, popcorn, cookies, cereal and other cheap and ready-made foods for a fun time of swapping holiday plans and making companionably stupid memories together.

3) **Placemats:** If you want to surprise your family, drop on by your local Dollar Store and pick up some disposable paper placemats. Write your family members' names, and how many pounds you think they are going to pack on after dinner. Maybe draw a nice stick-figure replica with Uncle Harry looking a little drunk before appetizers. It's all in good fun.

2) **Don't forget your jersey:** Have your final fantasy team all ready for the Thanksgiving Classic. I'm not a sports fan myself, and if you are just like me you should get all your puns ready so you can poke fun at family members who do care about this Detroit Lions/Dallas Cowboys tradition.

1) **Being frugal:** With all of the money you saved from making placemats, hand turkeys and holding a cheap-o dinner with friends, you now have enough

money to blow on the terror that is Black Friday. Heck, you can even wear your football jersey as you plow people over to get that epic flat screen TV. Show them your tackling abilities as you push over

that tiny creeper and snag the last DVD of Harry Potter. Remember, Christmas is just around the corner and Black Friday is the one-stop-crazy-shop event to prepare you.

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## Obama Student Loan Plan

**Jerad Maplethorpe**  
Opinions Editor

In an attempt to simultaneously spur the economy, boost poll numbers and relieve students' suffering from large student loan payments, President Obama is accelerating a law passed by Congress last year that will lower the maximum required payment on student loans from 15 percent of annual discretionary income to 10 percent. In addition, any remaining debt would be forgiven after 20 years. The law will go into effect starting next year, instead of waiting until 2014, as was originally planned.

Obama also announced that borrowers who have both a loan from the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) and a direct loan from the government will be allowed to consolidate at an interest rate of up to a half percentage point less. The consolidation plan will yield less significant results but will still affect approximately 5.8 million borrowers.

### Eligibility

Only loans granted by the government are eligible. Private loans, such as those taken out by students who have surpassed the amount they are allowed to borrow from the government, will not be affected. Unfortunately, borrowers stuck with private loans from banks also typically have to pay higher interest rates.

According to the Education Department, the income-based repayment plan will only apply to borrowers who not only take out a loan in

2012 or later, but also took out a loan sometime between 2008 and 2012. These specifications considerably narrow the plan's scope.

### Moderate results

Realistically, Obama's plan may be more political than practical, but I must applaud him for bringing light to the issue. The student loan statistics are appalling; there must be a better system. But the real question is whether or not we want to deal with the current amount of debt from student loans or work to decrease that amount for future generations. Personally, I believe we need to curb tuition for future students.

Unfortunately, with schools like the University of Wisconsin-Stout becoming a microcosm of frivolous government spending, tuition rates aren't likely to decrease anytime soon. Someone needs to get the message across that just because we have the money doesn't mean that we need to spend it.

Take a walk around campus and look at what your money has bought. Is it all necessary? Do we need to boast our polytechnic superiority at the literal cost of our students? Is it an education you're paying for or a \$19 million renovation to a building you'll only have access to for a few years?

We need to refocus our society on education and, more specifically, the value of that education. Can we trim the budget while maintaining a high level of education? Maybe you should ask Chancellor Sorensen how much we spent on a clock tower that doesn't even display the same time on all four sides.

### Student Loan Fun Facts

1) Americans now owe more than \$875 billion on student loans, which is more than the total amount that Americans owe on their credit cards.

2) Since 1982, the cost of medical care in the United States has gone up over 200 percent, but that is nothing compared to the cost of college tuition, which has gone up by more than 400 percent.

3) The unemployment rate for college graduates under the age of 25 is over 9 percent.

4) Approximately two-thirds of all college students graduate with student loans.

5) The Project on Student Debt estimates that 206,000 Americans graduated from college with more than \$40,000 in student loan debt

each during 2008.

6) Total student loan debt in the United States is now increasing at a rate of approximately \$2,853.88 per second.

7) In 1992, there were 5.1 million "underemployed" college graduates in the United States. In 2008, there were 17 million "underemployed" college graduates in the United States.

8) Federal statistics reveal that only 36 percent of the full-time students who began college in 2001 received a bachelor's degree within four years.

9) According to a recent survey by Twentysomething Inc., a staggering 85 percent of college seniors planned to move back home after graduation in May 2010.





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1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	\$395	\$395	Efficiency, new carpet, includes WSG & heat, great location	A
1	1	1520 1/2 7th Street E	\$395	\$395	Nice apartment w/ garage, washer/dryer, close to campus	D
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	\$425	\$425	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	\$425	\$425	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, close to campus	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	\$425	\$425	Efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$425	\$425	Studio, includes WSG, heat & parking, great location	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	\$435	\$435	Efficiency includes utilities & parking, great apartment	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	\$445	\$445	Great efficiency w/ loft & balcony, includes util. & parking	8
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2	1	115 West Main Street	\$375	\$188	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	3
2	1	1803 1/2 7th Street E	\$460	\$230	Nice apartment, new carpet, washer/dryer, parking	D
2	1	619 13th Avenue E	\$475	\$238	Incl. heat, WSG, hot water, excellent location w/ parking	4
2	1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	\$475	\$238	Nice apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
2	1	1221 1/2 7th Street E	\$515	\$258	Nice, large apt, porch, WSG, heat, HW & parking included	4
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2	1	147 1/2 Main Street #C	\$560	\$280	Large, very nice, new carpet, <b>W/D in bldg, includes WSG</b>	A
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #6	\$570	\$285	Great apt, new shower, <b>parking, WSG, HW &amp; heat included</b>	6
3	1	220 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$630	\$210	Upper duplex, incl. <b>W/D, off-street parking</b> , great location	D
3	1	321 13th Avenue West	\$675	\$225	Super location, <b>washer/dryer, off-street parking</b> , nice yard	H
3	1	147 1/2 Main Street #B	\$675	\$225	Nice rooms & closets, <b>includes WSG, laundry in building</b>	A
4	1	1120 15th Avenue E	\$650	\$163	Good-sized rooms, <b>washer/dryer, off-street parking</b>	D
4	1	1508 10th Street E	\$650	\$163	Nice layout, new flooring, washer/dryer hook-ups, <b>parking</b>	H
4	1	309 14th Avenue West	\$740	\$185	<b>Washer/dryer</b> , room for storage, <b>parking</b> , good location	H
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5	2	1521 8th Street	\$1,100	\$220	Nice-sized rooms, new paint, <b>W/D</b> , big yard, good location	H
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5	2	2006 5th Street #C	\$1,250	\$250	Very nice apt, <b>washer/dryer, A/C, parking</b> , has everything!	3
5	2	1708 6th Street #B	\$1,375	\$275	Fabulous apt, <b>W/D</b> , large rooms, <b>parking</b> , has everything!	D
6	2	1402 8th Street E	\$850	\$142	Corner lot, <b>washer/dryer, off-street parking</b> , full basement	H
7	2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,295	\$185	Large house, <b>washer/dryer, parking</b> , 1 block from campus	H
7	3	1803 7th Street E	\$1,600	\$229	Big house, <b>2 W/D, dishwasher, 2 HUGE bedrooms, garage</b>	H
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# Open Life Drawing sessions

Rachel Policano  
Staff Writer

Do you enjoy drawing the human form?

Open Life Drawing sessions happen Tuesday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m. in Micheels Hall room 287. The sessions are provided by the Applied Arts Department and run by Amy Fichter, a drawing teacher specific to Life Drawing, and allow students to practice sketching via a series of short poses and long poses from a live, nude model.

"The sessions are informal in the sense that there is no official teaching happening, as in a typical Life Drawing class," said Fichter. "The artists work on their own, [and] it's also open for artists to come and go as they need. If artists need to come late or leave early, they simply do so quietly, letting the others in the group continue with their work."

These drawing sessions are not strictly for art and design students. In fact, they are not even strictly for University of Wisconsin-Stout students.

"The sessions are open to the public, and all students are welcome," said Fichter. "Anyone from the community may participate. We would love to have more people join the sessions. It's a welcoming environment for people to come and draw and learn."

Although the sessions are not critiques, Fichter says that if people want feedback on their drawings, all they need to do is ask.

"[The sessions] are first and foremost time to work from a model, which can be difficult and expensive to set up on your own," said Fichter. "This is also a great way to be part of a community of artists, to participate in a common activity and to get feedback from other artists."

Fichter said that viewing a live model gives the artists the best way to learn both male and female human figures. The sessions alternate every other week between a male and female model.

"The model poses facing all different directions, so artists get a 360 degree feel for the model during the session," said Fichter. "Artists can even walk around the modeling stand to understand a pose from all angles. A live model also gives artists movement; even when a model is holding a pose for half an hour or more, he

or she is still breathing, expanding and contracting the rib cage with every breath."

Fichter, who has been teaching Life Drawing courses at UW-Stout since fall 2003, said that she brings "a particularly anatomical focus to the Life Drawing courses at Stout, stressing the importance of learning how to draw the human form from the inside out." While these tactics are not taught during the sessions, this method

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-Amy Fichter

of Life Drawing is something that Fichter can help participants to understand.

"I harken back to the Old Masters such as Leonardo, Michelangelo, Durer and Rembrandt in their insistence on understanding forms in space," said Fichter. "In some

ways I'm old school in my approach to the figure, but there is nothing that feels old fashioned about an artist or designer being able to draw an accurate and dynamic human figure from memory."

As a figurative artist, Fichter realizes the importance that the drawing sessions hold.

"Drawing is absolutely foundational for all of the art and design students at Stout, and I wanted to make sure they had the opportunity to work from the model outside of class," said Fichter. "It provides students and others in the community a time to get together and focus on drawing, which is a great way to participate in a culture that understands the value and importance of drawing."

Those who wish to participate in a session should bring the following materials: drawing pad, drawing board or a sketchbook, drawing tools (such as charcoal, graphite, conté crayons, ink, etc. and an eraser). For those who wish to better their digital drawing skills, a Wacom tablet or computer would be appropriate.

## What will artists gain from a session?

*Quotes from Fichter.*

### **Time to draw.**

"I know students (and everyone) are busy; sometimes just carving out a time on your calendar for the Open Drawing sessions is enough incentive to get a few hours per week doing something you love that you might not otherwise make time for."

### **Access to a live model.**

"It is difficult and expensive to set this up for yourself, but the School of Art & Design provides the model during these sessions, so students/others don't have to pay to participate."

### **Learning from others.**

"There are a wide range of skill levels represented by the students that come to the sessions. It's a great opportunity to see what more advanced students are doing and how they approach their work."

### **Meeting others who are serious about drawing.**

"It's also a great place to meet and interact with others who care about getting better at drawing, who love drawing and who are active in the art and design community at Stout."

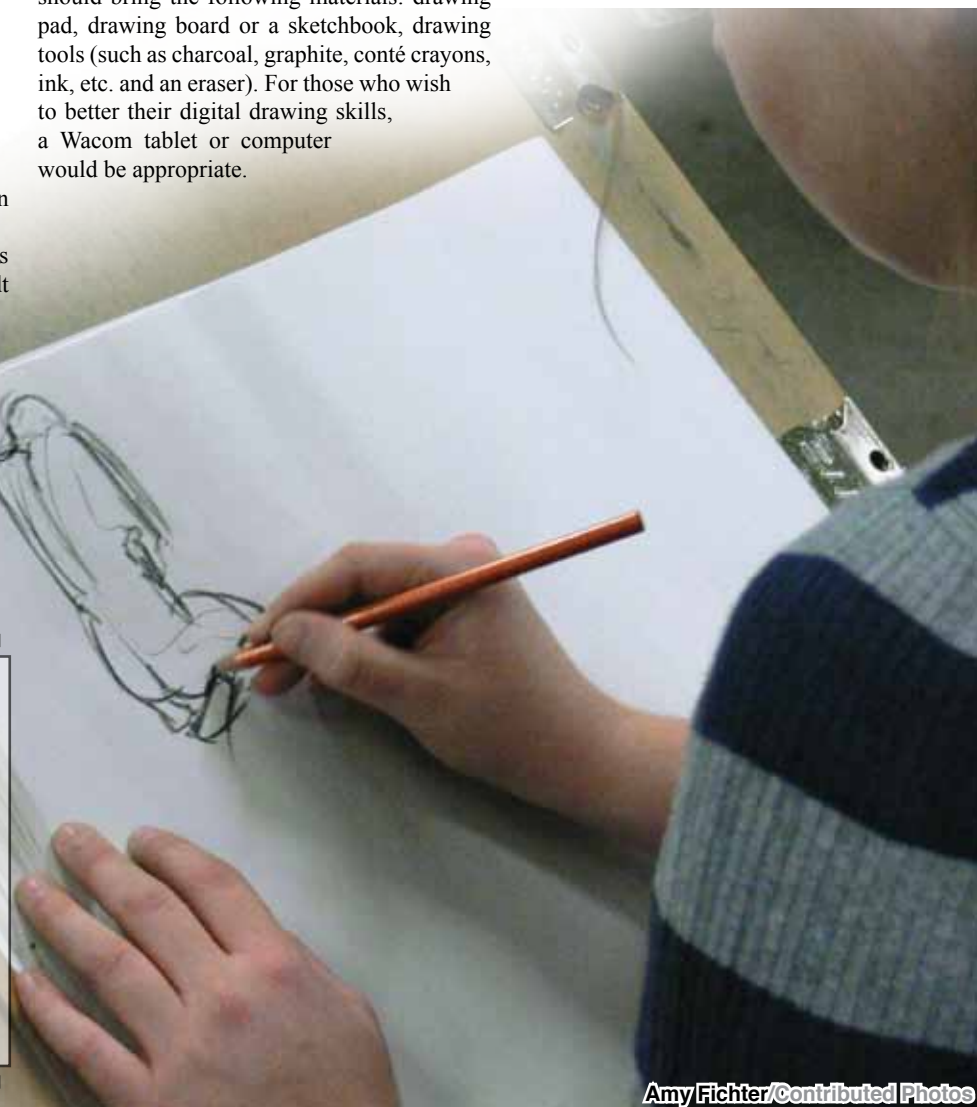
## Life Drawing Sessions

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**Micheels 287 (Life Drawing  
room)**

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Amy Fichter/Contributed Photos



# Local novelist | Falling Blade series



Kelly McCullough in the flesh.

**Andrew Schneider**  
*Staff Writer*

Author Kelly McCullough read an excerpt from his novel "Broken Blade," a story of dragons and assassins, to a quiet audience in the Harvey Hall Theatre on Nov. 8.

"Broken Blade" is the first book in the fantasy novel series "The Fallen Blade," which is McCullough's latest.

McCullough lives in Menomonie, has been writing books since he was 23 and has a degree in theater. He also wrote a science fiction series called "WebMage" and switched over to fantasy after discussing it with his publisher. "The Fallen Blade" series is much more gritty than his previous works.

"The Fallen Blade' series is like 'Lord of the Rings' meets Dashiell Hammett," said McCullough. "It is a little bit dark, but it is an adventurous book."

Aral, the main character, at the beginning of the book finds himself doing a "job" to make sure he has enough money to secure his ability to drink his favorite whiskey.

Aral does shady jobs and lives in dark bars.

He drinks alone, unless you count the dragon that lives as a shadow within him.

The inspiration McCullough got for writing in the first place came from constantly reading and from reading works by authors like Dashiell Hammett, Neil Gamen and Mercedes Lackey. He also enjoys and relates his work to

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*-Kelly McCullough*

"Burn Notice" and "Doctor Who."

If you need some writing tips for an essay or even if you want to write a novel, here is a little about McCullough's writing process. When coming up with an idea, he begins by creating the world in which it will take place. He thinks about the kind of magic that would happen there and with the physical place setting. He also thinks about what kind of stories would then happen there. This is relatively rare for novel writers, who usually think of a plot first.

When writing, one of the most difficult

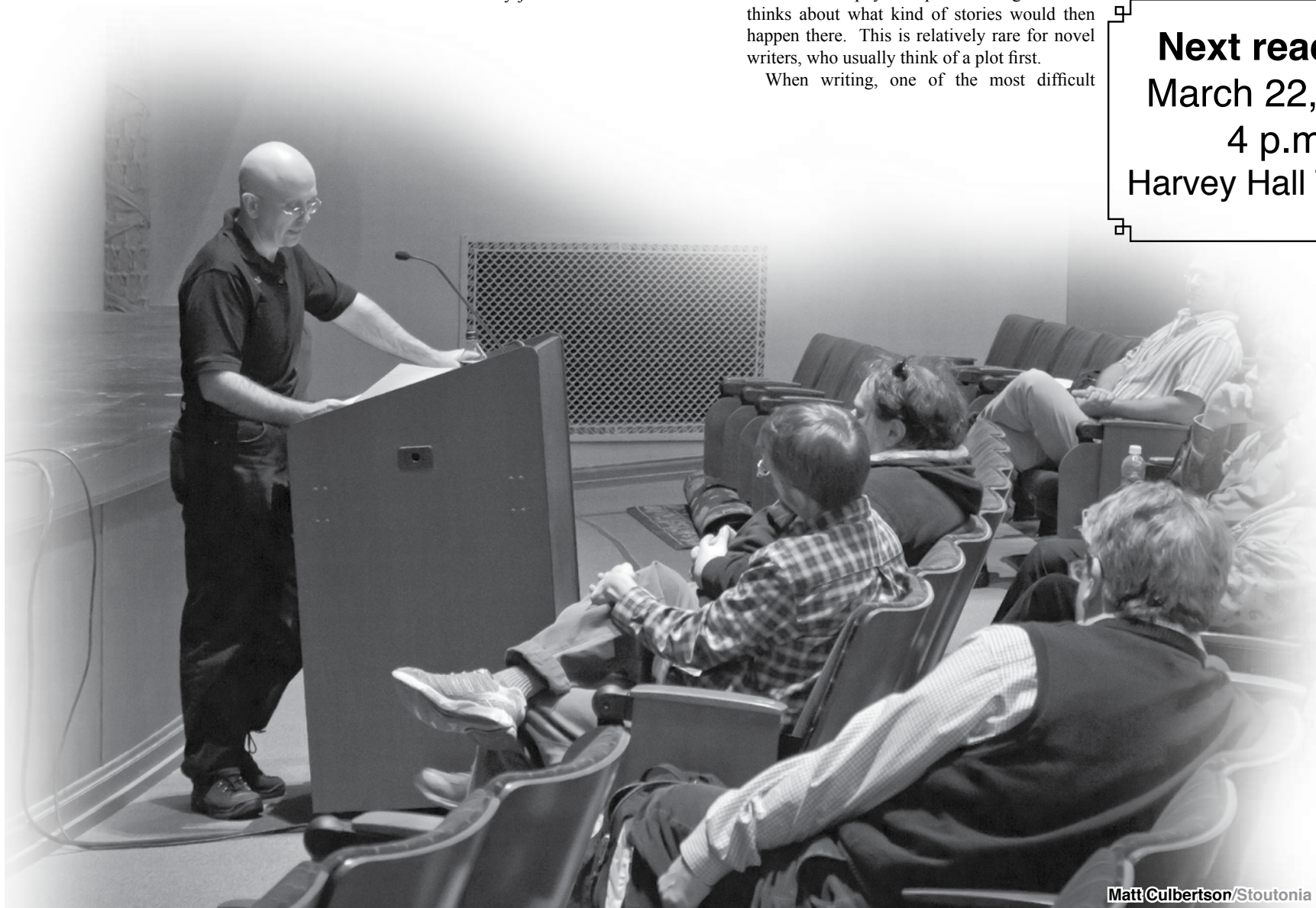
things McCullough found was pacing himself. A novel that takes six months to a year to write does not have all of its work evenly distributed. With work schedules also compressed to meet the needs of a publisher, it can be tricky writing something over a long time that will be read in significantly less time, and still be understandable. When met with writer's block that he can't push through, McCullough will go on a long walk and not start heading back until he has figured out the problem.

"By the time I am getting back, I am excited to write again," said McCullough.

For all of you future novelists out there, here is what McCullough says about the novel writing business: "There is nothing I enjoy more, but novel writing as a career is tough, with about a one percent success ratio, but man, is it fun."

The English Department sponsors author readings each year. Catch the next one on March 22, 2012 at 4 p.m. in the Harvey Hall Theatre to listen to a reading by poet William Stobb. Stobb's latest published book is called "Absentia."

**Next reading:**  
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**Harvey Hall Theatre**







## Game review: "Sonic Generations"

Jeff Gebert  
Staff Writer

The past couple of years haven't been so great to our friend, Sonic the Hedgehog. After games like "Sonic 06," "Sonic Unleashed," and "Sonic and the Black Knight," things looked like they were only going to get worse before they got any better. But within the past two years, the folks at Sega have been making some great Sonic games, and "Sonic Generations" is definitely one of them.

"Sonic Generations" for the PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360 is Sega's way of celebrating Sonic's 20th birthday, and they do it magnifi-

cently. The game features 9 levels, which are complete remakes of some of the most memorable levels and bosses from the Blue Blur's long history. You'll see Chemical Plant from "Sonic 2," Planet Wisp from "Sonic Colors," and my personal favorite Sonic level of all time, City Escape from "Sonic Adventure 2: Battle."

The game's main theme is that there are two Sonics—classic and modern—due to some kind of time destroying creature. The two Sonics must work together to save time. Classic Sonic plays just like he did back in the Genesis days with side scrolling and spin dashes, and modern Sonic plays just as he did in "Sonic Unleashed" and "Sonic Colors," which is to say he runs at

ridiculously fast speeds through a 3-D environment. The two playing styles are very entertaining.

Unfortunately, the game's main story is short. I beat it in about 4 hours without doing any of the side missions. Each level has about 10 side missions, varying from doppelganger races to playing through the level with enemies moving twice as fast. I was pleasantly surprised by how much fun these missions were. I figured they were just thrown in to make the game slightly longer. I especially liked the doppelganger races because it felt like I was playing "Sonic Rivals 2," except it didn't suck.

The game looks absolutely gorgeous. The

vivid colors and deep backgrounds of some of the levels really pop out at you to the point where you sometimes feel the need to slow down just to look around. The music was one of my very favorite things about "Sonic Generations." Each level has two remixes of its theme from its original game: one for classic and one for modern. On top of that, you can unlock various songs from some of the past games in the series and then play through levels with those songs. I found myself playing though as many side missions as I could just to unlock a familiar song.

"Sonic Generations" also features an addictive online mode where you can play through a level and submit your time to the game's leader board and compare it among your friends. Although I was really hoping for an online multiplayer mode where you could race your friends, it looks like I'll just have to wait a few more years until Sega realizes how awesome that would be.

"Sonic Generations" is like a nice warm hug from Sega saying, "Hey, thanks for sticking with us for all those years." I've been playing Sonic games since I was in fourth grade, and for this game to revisit some of my favorite levels from all those years ago is nostalgic bliss. I do, however, wish that there were more levels so that the story mode could be longer, but the levels they have are still awesome. Happy 20th Birthday, Sonic.



## Game review: "Uncharted 3: Drake's Deception"

Jeff Gebert  
Staff Writer

"Uncharted 3: Drake's Deception" is the kind of game poets write sonnets about and angels sing about. It's an experience like no other and can easily be considered one of the best, if not the best, game of the year.

The game's main story follows Nathan Drake, a treasure hunter who thinks he may have uncovered a 400-year-old conspiracy. He believes that Sir Francis Drake is looking for a lost city of treasure in Arabia and is determined to finish his quest. However, he'll be competing against a group of mysterious treasure hunters to do so.

"Uncharted 3: Drake's Deception" is probably the most cinematic game I have ever played. Drake finds himself constantly in perilous situations, like trying to escape from a sinking ship or shooting bad guys while inside a burning castle. The incredible graphics and attention to detail only add to the cinematic nature. Puddles on the ship shift across the deck as the boat bobs around, bugs crawl on walls and Drake's clothes look wet once he gets out of water, just to name a few. All of the characters are incredibly likable and are voiced exceptionally well.

The game play is similar to the previous two "Uncharted" games, and there is nothing wrong with that. A good portion of the single player

mode has Drake in gunfights with his enemies in locations such as France, Yemen, Syria and Arabia. You can take cover behind just about anything and use a variety of weapons to take down the many enemies you'll have to face. There are also puzzles to be solved, many of which are unique and really require you to stop and think. Although it may sound repetitive, it's not repetitive in the least. The way the characters interact with other characters and their surroundings, and the overall heart pounding action scenes, will keep you on your toes throughout the whole single player.

Multiplayer makes its return, and it's better than ever. You have the basic team deathmatch, along with modes like Plunder, where two teams compete to grab the golden idol in the map and bring it back to their base, similar to capture the flag. There are also multiple modes for online co-op play. There's a new Kickback system in which players can choose a unique skill prior to a match and then activate it once they have acquired enough medals, such as getting an instant sniper

rifle or being able to run extra fast for a short while. One of my favorites is the Smoke Bomb, which allows the player to vanish into a cloud of smoke and reappear at the spawn point to escape a sticky situation. Earning money to buy new taunts, character skins and kickbacks are very addicting.

If you have a PlayStation 3, you need to buy "Uncharted 3: Drake's Deception," plain and simple. I literally cannot think of anything bad about this game. I've been playing it almost

nonstop since I got it. The story is interesting and emotional, the gameplay is epic, the multiplayer is addicting, the visuals are beautiful and I could go on. This is a game that I shall be playing for a long, long time.





# Drumming to the rhythm of "eat cats tastes like chicken"

Rose Meier  
Entertainment Editor

## Making some good African beats!

Do you enjoy playing the drums, learning about African culture, or do you maybe just want to try something new and fun? If so, the University of Wisconsin-Stout Hand Drumming Club is an active organization on campus that hosts regular workshops and performances that you can get involved in.

The most recent workshop on Nov. 12 was the hand drum building workshop, in which members and other interested participants built djembe drums, a type of African drum. Nels Linde, who organized the club with a friend and other students

nearly 10 years ago, provided materials for the drum building. Some materials include goat-skin for drumheads, iroko wood from the Ivory Coast for the body of the drum and cloth for decoration.

The workshop began with a meditation to connect the spirit of the

drum, the spirit of the animal and the spirit of the player.

"Hopefully, the player remembers the connection between plants, animals and themselves," said Linde, who guided the group.

Linde spoke about the history of African musical culture, including stories about the earliest African drum builders. He also taught participants how to drum to the beat of "I like tea and I like coffee" and "eat cats taste like chicken."

For your next chance to attend a UW-Stout Hand Drumming Club workshop, watch for the visit of Michael Markus, who will be coming from New York to teach drum and dance lessons. Markus also visits Africa about once a year.

"[Markus] teaches the most current beats from Africa," said Charlie Billman, UW-Stout sophomore.

To learn more about the club, attend a weekly meeting on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in room 313 of the Applied Arts building. The club is open to students and members of the community.

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Nels Linde mentors the drum builders.

Nate Eul / Stoutonia





# Passions and pedagogy

**Laurn Seering**  
Editor-in-Chief

Here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, our professors often combine their passions with their pedagogy. One such example is David Tank, who teaches several journalism courses on campus. He is incredibly enthusiastic about his hobby, and it clearly shows.

While some students and faculty pass their summers away by working part-time jobs, Tank takes his break seriously. Over this last summer he researched, wrote and published his second book, this book is an educational tutorial for kids titled "The Magic of 3D Photography."

Our world is now surrounded by 3-D: movies, the Nintendo DS and even common inventions like the View Master that we all owned as kids. We think of this as new technology, but it's older than photography itself.

"Photography was invented in 1839," Tank said. "Stereoscopy was invented in 1838. This invention was revolutionary but underappreciated."

He also had a good reason for focusing his new 3-D book toward a younger audience. "I thought a kid's book would have the most fun presentation; it's not a dry book," Tank said. "I shot every picture myself, and most of the artifacts are from my personal collection. The research is fine for adults, though."

Tank also enjoys enlightening us college folk. Several years back he noticed how all of

the textbooks on mass communication, a subject that he currently teaches, had little to no information on 3-D or stereoscopy. Since this is an important part of how people understood photography during the nineteenth century, it's necessary to raise student consciousness about this subject.

"This had a major impact in mass communication, so I took it upon myself," Tank said. "I added a whole unit in my class. I bring my personal collection in, and I actually had a horrible experience doing that."

"I was passing around one of my antique cylinders," Tank said. "The cylinder was from the Edison phonograph that was my mother's when she was a little girl, probably about 75 or 80 years old. It simply broke apart in the poor girl's hands, probably fell into a dozen pieces. I felt so bad for her; she looked so scared. But it wasn't her fault at all, and I learned that some things are best not to pass around."

Tank also brought his love for all things three-dimensional to our very own Stoutonia. Last year he assisted our staff in creating our first 3-D issue, which included a set of 3-D glasses. This was a great way to get our campus interested in this fascinating form of media.

"Until you try this out for yourself, you don't really get it in the same sense," Tank said.



Tank viewing his personal collection.

To learn more about "The Magic of 3D Photography," or any of Tank's other books, visit him in his office in 126F Harvey Hall or check the Mabel Tainter in Menomonie, The Local Store in Eau Claire, Wis. or Amazon.com.

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# 2011 Blue Devil Basketball Bash: dunks, prizes and more dunks

**Kou Yang**  
Staff Writer

A dunk competition and a chance to win a \$3,000 scholarship headlined the numerous events for the annual University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devil Basketball Bash on Wednesday, Nov. 9.

The women's team kicked things off with a 20-minute exhibition. It may have only been a scrimmage, but they played like it was mid-season with both teams diving and chasing after loose balls.

The UW-Stout dance team entertained the crowd before students in attendance took to the floor in a three-point shooting competition. After several elimination rounds, with shots firing from all angles, two champions were

named, one each for the men and women.

After the students showed off their jumpers, the players themselves had a three-point competition. The team winners were Carter Ciolkosz, a freshman guard from Maplewood, Minn., and Sami Schoeder, a sophomore guard from Durand, Wis.

One of the highlights of the night was the slam dunk competition, which created some high-flying thrills. In the end it was Jay Higgins, a sophomore forward from Maple Grove, Minn., who jumped over teammate Erik Olson, a junior guard from Buffalo, Minn., that won over the crowd and the competition.

The men's team then took to the floor for their intra-squad scrimmage. No coaching, no pressure, just up and down the court like



Trying to break through the defense.

Matt Culbertson/Stoutonia



Busy under the backboard.

Matt Culbertson/Stoutonia

an All-Star game, dunk after dunk after dunk, until the 20 minutes ran out.

The final event of the evening was the chance to win a \$3,000 scholarship. Make a layup, make a free throw and then heave it from half-court. Simple, right? Oh yeah, and contestants only got 20 seconds and had to grab their own rebounds. No one has ever won the competition at the Bash, and this year was no different.

Aside from all the fun, students and the community got a preview of what to expect from the two teams. Mark Thomas, the women's head coach, is beginning his 25th season. Even though he has a young team with 13 freshmen, he's going to stick to his style because he likes what he sees from the new faces.

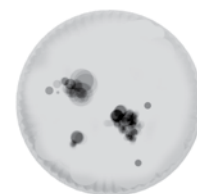
"They have great work ethic, are eager to learn and they work with each other to create unity," said Thomas. "They have to make ad-

justments to the speed and physicality of the college game, but eventually they will be a good basketball team."

Ed Andrist, the men's head coach, is starting his 12th season and was thrilled with the outcome of the Bash.

"It was a fun night, and it was great for the students and the community because Menomonie has always been good about supporting the basketball program," said Andrist.

This is the first time that Andrist will have no seniors on his roster. "I like that we're young because the future is bright," said Andrist. "It's going to get better; with youth comes enthusiasm and hard work. We're not expected to do well, but I think we are going to surprise a lot of people."





# UW-Stout's football finale

**Kelsey Penrod**  
Staff Writer

The end of the University of Wisconsin-Stout's football season came to a disappointing close this past Saturday, Nov. 12. The Blue Devils were defeated by the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh for the second time this season with a final score of 3-35.

The first quarter was a consistent tug and pull between UW-Stout and UW-Oshkosh. On opening kickoff, UW-Stout recovered a fumble but was soon blocked by a field goal. However, with five minutes left of the first half, junior Ryan Howg completed a three-point field goal against the UW-Oshkosh Titans, giving UW-Stout the lead with 3-0. UW-Oshkosh picked up the speed and yardage for the remainder of the game with a total of 427 yards of offense, 300 air yardage and 127 on the ground. This concluded UW-Stout's final game with a score of 3-35, UW-Oshkosh. UW-Stout brought in 324 yards of offense, 175 ground yards and 149 in the air.

UW-Stout's football team ended its season with a total of five wins and five losses. Wins for the team were against Black Hills State (19-7), Jamestown College (20-17), the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (22-19), the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (10-0) and the University of Wisconsin-River Falls (16-10).

UW-Stout's five season losses were to UW-Oshkosh (10-56), the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (10-24), the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (21-42), the University of Wisconsin-Platteville (17-27) and again to

UW-Oshkosh in its final game.

This season, UW-Stout football returned the majority of the offensive line, starting quarterback and a good number of the defensive line. Throughout the 2011 season, the team helped celebrate UW-Stout's 100 years of football. During the homecoming football game, many festivities took place to celebrate including an alumni players reunion, pregame tailgate party and post-game party at the Stout Ale House. The team also helped celebrate and reveal UW-Stout's new and first official mascot.

Overall, this year's UW-Stout football season was an up and down battle on the field; the team was able to finish with even wins and losses. Even though the Blue Devils did not gain the Championship title, a season of unforgettable memories was won.

"The year in itself was a good and fun year that cannot be taken back, along with the lifetime of friendships and brotherhood, said Howg. "We always knew that our teammates had our backs."

UW-Stout's 100 years of football has come to a close for the season. The team will be back next year with newly gained experiences and memories. This season was full of growth both on and off the field for many of the players.

"20 years from now I know I will be able to call any teammates up and just talk about anything, anytime," said Howg. "I will remember this year forever, along with the senior players and the legacy they left us with."

To see more stats and individual player records from the 2011 UW-Stout football season, check out the UW-Stout website's athletic page.



Jason Pfitzer/Stoutonia

## UW-Stout's paintball team ranked 9th in the nation

**Kou Yang**  
Staff Writer

Many people consider football the ultimate team sport, but why not put paintball in that conversation? "Paintball is a team-driven sport-you need everyone," said Walker Gautsche, a senior on the paintball team and president of the University of Wisconsin-Stout Paintball Club. "Even though people may not think so, it's a strategy game."

"It's almost like chess; whoever gets to the better position first is going to have an edge, and chances are they are going to capitalize on that," said Mike Steinbrink, a student from Pleasant Prairie, Wis. "You have to know what's going on. You need to know where the

other team is, otherwise you're shooting at nothing if you're not communicating with your teammates. You're pretty much as good as your weakest player."

Paintball is just like any other sport that takes dedication and practice. "If you don't work together as a team, then it falls apart," said Gautsche.

"One characteristic that is very necessary is coachable," said Gautsche. "You have to be willing to listen, and you have to want to win and have a competitive edge."

Dedication has certainly paid off. In the 2011 Midwest North #4 - Ben Waring Memorial Open, the first line placed third and second line placed sixth.

The team plays under the blanket of Division

II, but it has played against the likes of Purdue University and Ohio State University, both fully funded Division I teams.

Last year, the Blue Devils placed seventh at the National Collegiate Paintball Association National Championships, the highest the team has ever placed, and was first among all teams from the Midwest. They competed against teams with \$1,500 laser-engraved guns, matching masks and matching jerseys and pants, while UW-Stout's team only had matching jerseys. Not bad for not having all the high tech gear that the other teams had.

Paintball is not a cheap sport to play, so one of the main focuses on a yearly basis is funding. The university provides the team with a budget, which has been increased the past

couple of years. In addition to the help of local sponsors and membership fees, the team is able to compete against the best. It isn't always enough, though.

"Everything that isn't paid for by the school or sponsors we have to pay for out-of-pocket," said Steinbrink.

The Blue Devils are currently ranked ninth nationally and are hoping to finish in the top five at Nationals.

"We are definitely capable of it. We just need to push for it," said Gautsche. The 2011-2012 National Championships will be held April 13-15, 2012. Look for the Blue Devils to continue their run as one of the top teams.

Next up for UW-Stout is a tournament held on Nov. 20 at Chicagoland Paintball.



# BLUE DEVILS DOMINATE THE STORM

Morgan Pfaller  
Sports Editor

Tuesday, Nov. 15 marked the first time that the University of Wisconsin-Stout's women's basketball team faced off against Crown College at the Johnson Fieldhouse. The game resulted in a 95-33 victory for the Blue Devils in their first game of the season.

Although victory doesn't quite capture UW-Stout's talent out on the court against the Storm, the Blue Devils forced the Storm into 56 turnovers throughout the game. UW-Stout managed to score 13 points within the first five minutes of the game. Out of Crown's first 13 possessions over that span, they turned the ball over all 13 times, only attempting one shot.

Katelynne Folkers, a freshman from Fall Creek, Wis., shot a layup to bring the Blue Devils to 30 points-the largest lead of the half for UW-Stout. At halftime the score was 43-14,

with the Blue Devils in the lead.

During the second half, the Blue Devils continued to dominate the Storm; many turnovers from Crown College allowed UW-Stout to continuously score. The Blue Devils improved their shooting percentage from 40 percent in the first half to 54 percent in the second, helped by a 55 percent clip from beyond the arc.

"You never know what will happen when the uniform goes on and the fans show up," said Head Coach Mark Thomas. "Hopefully, we can work on those things and get better throughout the season."

Ronnie Moltzau, a freshman from Eleva, Wis., led the UW-Stout Blue Devils with 13 points, shooting five for seven overall. Whitney Rawdon, a junior from Eau Claire, Wis., finished the game with 12 points.

"Every time you get a win, it's a great accomplishment," said Thomas. "We thought we would have the upper hand, but we didn't know

much about the school. We were just focusing on our team, what we are working on and trying to get better at."

Eighteen of the 19 teammates on UW-Stout's roster scored, proving that the Blue Devils are here to dominate this 2011-2012 basketball season.

"The next game is going to be much tougher," said Thomas. "Wartburg has their eye on the championship and it will be our first time on the road. It should be a good learning experience for the team."

The 2011-2012 season will be Mark Thomas' 25th season coaching the UW-Stout women's basketball team. Thomas, who is the dean of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) women's basketball coaches, has a 414-227 record, the most wins of any coach in WIAC women's basketball history.

The UW-Stout women's basketball team will return to the court this Friday, Nov. 18 when they travel to Lakeland College's tournament to face Wartburg.

## What 2 Watch 4



### upcoming sporting events

#### ■ November 18th:

- Men's Basketball vs Macalester College in Waverly, IA @ 6 p.m.
- Men's Hockey @ UW-Superior @ 7 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs Wartburg College in Sheboygan, WI @ 8 p.m.

#### ■ November 19th:

- Men's Hockey at UW-Superior @ 7 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs Consolation/Championship Game in Waverly, IA @ 2-4 p.m.
- MXC at NCAA DIII National Championships @ 12 p.m.
- WBB vs Beloit College or Lakeland College in Sheboygan, WI @ 2-4 p.m.

#### ■ November 22nd:

- WBB at St. Cloud State University @ 7 p.m.
- MBB vs Bemidji State University @ 7 p.m.

#### ■ November 26th:

- WBB vs UW-Whitewater vs. Dubuque in Menomonie, WI @ 1 p.m.



UW-Stout player thundering down the court.

Matt Culbertson/Stoutonia

I'm  
stuffed!





# Kevin O'Donnell, heating up passion for the ice

**Kelsey Penrod**  
Staff Writer

The weather is beginning to become frigid, cold and bare. Soon snow and ice will begin to envelop the city of Menomonie and all who inhabit it. This, of course, can only mean one thing: the start of hockey season. And right now, hockey is about the only thing on the mind of University of Wisconsin-Stout hockey player Kevin O'Donnell.

The UW-Stout hockey team, which first began in 1968, had its season opener Oct. 21 to start the 2011-2012 season. A forward on the team, O'Donnell has always been excited for the start of a season, ever since he began playing the sport at age 3.

"It's always been fun," said O'Donnell.

A native to Stoughton, Wis., O'Donnell is a current UW-Stout sophomore majoring in property management. He started on the UW-Stout team as a freshman for the 2010-2011 season. As a returning leading scorer, O'Donnell led all freshmen in scoring in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association with a finish of 25 points (10-15) and four game-winning goals.

Hockey has always been a passion for O'Donnell.

"[Hockey] has definitely opened up a lot of opportunities," said O'Donnell. Before start-

ing on the UW-Stout team, O'Donnell played two full years in junior hockey. "It was great to be able to travel around the United States with junior hockey. We went to Alaska, to Texas; normally, I wouldn't have the chance to go to those places, especially for free."

Friends are also a big part of O'Donnell's passion for hockey. Most of his friends he met from playing hockey throughout his life, and the majority played on his high school team. Now he has met several new college friends from playing on the UW-Stout team.

"Definitely one of the best things about being on the Stout team is hanging out with the group of guys on the team," said O'Donnell. "Everyone gets along well, and before the season we had a group campout up north."

This year's team has a majority of freshman and sophomores, who make up relatively

70 percent of the team. Returning to the team as UW-Stout upper classmen are only four seniors and eight juniors. With such a young team this season, O'Donnell is not worried.

"Our team this year is very talented," said O'Donnell. "The new guys have definitely stepped in, and they really bring it. The returning guys are just as talented, and everyone gets along so well that it turns into good things on the ice."

The team is already seven games into the season with stats of 4-3-0. O'Donnell has begun the season

with full motivation and scored two goals, one within the final two minutes of the game against Marian University on Oct. 22. UW-Stout walked away with the win, 6-2. O'Donnell also had three assists on Oct. 29 when the Blue Devils faced the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, another game ending in a UW-Stout victory, 5-2.

O'Donnell plans on staying with UW-Stout hockey for the remainder of his college career. For the future, O'Donnell wants to pursue going pro. "I just want to be around it," said O'Donnell. "Even if it's coaching. I've coached youth groups when I was in juniors and high school and definitely could see myself coaching after college."

Young, motivated and headstrong, O'Donnell has an innate passion for hockey and will continue to show that passion on the ice during this year's hockey season.



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-Kevin O'Donnell

## BLUE DEVIL SCOREBOARD

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

On Friday, Nov. 4 the University of Wisconsin-Stout Men's Basketball team opened the season to a loss against Lakehead University, 70-64, at home in the Johnson Fieldhouse. The Blue Devils held a five-point lead for the first half of the game, but Lakehead extended its lead before the half was over. The second half of the game featured neck-and-neck scoring, and the game was consistently tied until Lakehead took over the lead and won.

The men's basketball team will travel to Waverly, Iowa on Nov. 18 and 19 to play in the Buzz Levick Tournament, hosted by Wartburg College.

### BLUE DEVILS HOCKEY

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's hockey team traveled to Augsburg College in Minneapolis on Saturday, Nov. 11. The Blue Devils took the road for the first time after six consecutive home games. The team lost to the Augsburg Auggies, 3-2.

Individual runners from UW-Stout will compete in the Championships on Saturday, Nov. 19, hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

### WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's cross country team ran in its best finish at the NCAA III Midwest Regional meet in five years. As a team, the Blue Devils placed 10th, matching their finish at the 2006 Midwest Regionals. Alexa Ahler, a senior from Waukesha, Wis., recorded a career best on Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Saukie Golf Course.

The Blue Devils will return to the ice on Saturday, Nov. 19 when they travel to Superior, Wis. to face the University of Wisconsin-Superior Yellowjackets.



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8 p.m. @ Sunken Lounge in Price Commons

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UW-Stout Mens Hockey @ College of St. Scholastica  
7 p.m. @ St. Scholastica

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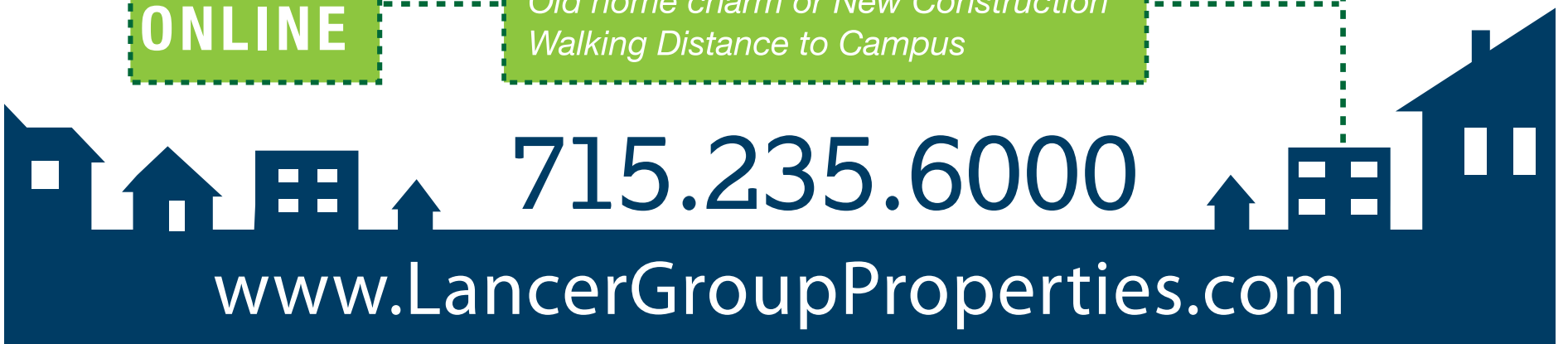
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Cover photo by Nate Eul

Holiday shopping can be a dangerous time, especially if you’re not aware of the treacheries. Some stores should be required to hang “Beware of extreme deals” signs. Some experts have called the Mall of America, “As dangerous as an African safari.” Be on your guard, and be safe this winter break. Stoutonia wishes you all happy holidays.



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## Opening Thoughts from the Editorial Staff

*"All I want for Christmas is... rent money, gas money, food money, and maybe a nice book."*

-Editor-in-Chief, Lauryn Seering

*"All I want for Christmas is shoes, shoes, shoes."*

-News Editor, Jessica Vaysberg

*"All I want for Christmas is a kayak paddle."*

- Production Manager, Jamie Olson

*"For Christmas, I would like seven cockatiels, a lifetime supply of bird food and a large, heated underground birdcage (with a sunroof, of course)."*

-Opinions Editor, Jerad Maplethorpe

*"All I want for Christmas is to pass my GCM class."*

-Sports Editor, Morgan Pfaller

*"All I want for Christmas is to relax with my family and friends."*

- Entertainment Editor, Rose Meier

*"All I want for Christmas is my own personal reindeer."*

- News Layout Designer, Nate Eul

*"All I want for Christmas is a big girl job."*

- Chief Copy Editor, Allie Schrader

### Lauryn Seering Editor-in-Chief

The recall Scott Walker petition is in its fourth week. Protesters have 60 days to collect the 540,028 individual signatures required to have the recall added to next year's ballot. Right now, according to United Wisconsin, Scott Walker opponents have collected more than 300,000 signatures within the first 12 days. But this is just the beginning, as they aim to amass over 700,000 signatures in total.

Recalls are tricky business. According to the National Public Radio, only 21 state legislators have ever faced recalls previously in U.S. history, and only 13 attempts were successful. Yet this year alone, 11 lawmakers are being forced to defend their position, Scott Walker being among them.

With highly polarized public opinion, small businesses attempting to remain neutral and most municipalities prohibiting political activism, many unpaid volunteers must take to the

icy sidewalks of Menomonie and other cities to gather these signatures. There are over six different locations in Menomonie alone that have official recall forms, one being the public library. However, Scott Walker is supported by millions in corporate money.

Walker has repeatedly stated that the majority of his opponents are from outside of Wisconsin. This started during the protests in Madison earlier this year, yet Politifact, a trusted source for information on politicians from every state, reports this claim as false. "The vast majority of people protesting are from here," said Joel DeSpain, an officer for the Madison Police Department. "They are from Wisconsin and even more from Dane County."

Only Wisconsin residents will be able to sign the recall, meaning that the signatures are also mostly from Wisconsin. This doesn't mean all of them are, of course. Since Wisconsin residents are the ones affected, they are more likely to support or oppose Walker's controversial legislation. Walker says these protesters are

# WALKER petitioners take to the sidewalks

taking it to the next level, however.

"That's what happens when you see so much influence coming in from outside Wisconsin," Walker said. "People came out to my home and attacked. And nobody – whether they are for or against me, including those who oppose our recall – nobody should be doing things that cross the line like that."

Fox News has gone as far as to label protesters "hooligans" and to hype the violent behavior of protesters earlier this year by showing them pushing and fighting one another. Many of these reports were proven false, as Fox News used footage from protests outside Wisconsin, footage with palm trees in the middle of winter to back their claims. Real footage from the event shows students and teachers singing, idly chatting and carrying signs. What does this mean for the recall efforts, and what has these protesters so fired up?

Well, it all started when Walker proposed to eliminate many collective bargaining rights from state employees. There are also his controversial concealed carry laws. And finally, his substantial budget cuts from educational programs across the board.

Walker states that, "A new college tuition reciprocity agreement with Minnesota will make college education more affordable for Wisconsin residents."

Yet the UW System has announced that they will need to cut between \$6.57 million and \$113.2 million atop that. This is four times more than any other budget cut in recorded history. The UW System is absorbing 38% of the cuts when it only accounts for 7% of the total budget. Tuition is steadily rising, so how does this make college more affordable?

Walker sponsored a series of 30-minute ads on television, which defend his position and state, "Because of Governor Walker, our school districts and local government are saving Wisconsin citizens hundreds of millions of dollars without mas-

sive layoffs seen in other states, while preserving a great education for our kids."

The University of Wisconsin-Stout has seen record-breaking enrollment, yet while we are accepting new students, we are effectively cutting the classes offered. Many majors are looking closely at their budget and while they don't plan layoffs yet, it's only a matter of time. UW-Stout is at a hiring freeze and has stopped the purchase of major equipment.

College towns often have more protest efforts than smaller communities although there are an equal amount of pro-Walker efforts. College towns are most likely to have more recall posts because college and graduate students are more apt to read the news than individuals with a high school education.

This is not implying that the majority of college students oppose Walker, but that they are more likely to be following the events of the recall. For now, the recall volunteers in Menomonie stand guard on the icy sidewalks with efforts to gain signatures at stop lights from people driving home.

To learn more about Walker's campaign and recall efforts, check out [www.Politifacts.com](http://www.Politifacts.com) for a relatively unbiased account that provides both sides of the story.



Lenn Soderlund/Stoutonia

Walker's checking you out.



Ashlee Simpson  
and Pete Wentz  
divorced.

Dr. Oz. will be  
featured on the cover  
of the January issue  
of "O" magazine. He  
will be the first male  
featured on the cover.

Paleontologists  
discovered a  
new species of  
dinosaur.

Twitter released what  
it finds to be the  
biggest world news  
stories this year.

The FDA recently  
approved a pill for  
hangovers.

Former Illinois Gov.  
Rod Blagojevich was  
sentenced to 14 years  
in prison for corruption  
convictions.

The world's largest  
sperm bank has started  
rejecting red headed  
donors because there  
is too little demand for  
their sperm.

# BRANCHING NEWS



Lauryn Seering  
*Editor-in-Chief*

## Citations Issued Nov. 14, 2011 - Nov. 29, 2011

Underage first offense: 12  
Underage second offense: 1  
Deposited of human waste: 1  
Possession of marijuana: 4  
Possession of drug paraphernalia: 4  
Operating motor vehicle with controlled  
substance: 1  
Failure to obey traffic sign: 1  
Assaultive behavior: 1

### Small Spaces 11-14-2011

The Menomonie Fire Department was  
dispatched when someone got stuck in  
an elevator. They manually opened the  
elevator so the person could leave, and  
luckily the victim wasn't claustrophobic.  
Small spaces leave some students  
panicked.

### Rebel Klepto 11-15-2011

An unknown person broke into a con-  
cession stand by pushing up the gate  
window by the door entrance. There  
was no damage reported from the entry,  
but what was the point of this break-in?  
To steal chips and cotton candy? High  
roller.

### Lock Yo' Car 11-15-2011

A student left their vehicle unlocked  
mid-afternoon on Sunday and returned  
later that night to find that someone had  
broken into their car. The thief stole their  
UW-Stout issued laptop and UW-Stout  
backpack. Other items stolen included  
their debit card and medical credit card.  
Can't say they didn't deserve it if they

## ~~Smooth~~ CRIMINALS

Tales of stupidity  
from Menomonie

were naïve enough to leave their car  
unlocked in a UW-Stout parking lot.

### Tow 'n' Ticket 11-16-2011

The parking office requested a vehicle  
to be towed from one of the campus  
parking lots. The vehicle in question  
had multiple unpaid parking tickets.  
The vehicle is now impounded until  
the owner pays the tickets. Keep track  
of your tickets, kids, cause they will  
snag your car.

### A Tweet Offence 11-28-2011

An officer was contacted concerning  
a "tweet" posted on twitter. A print  
screen of the tweet was sent with the  
report stating, "So at some universities  
if your roommate dies, you can go to  
school for free, does that still happen  
if you kill your roommate yourself?"  
The officer spoke with the student,  
who was surprised that they had found  
the tweet. The student stated that the  
tweet had been a joke and meant no  
harm to anyone. The student stated  
there were no problems besides nor-  
mal roommate tension.

### Bathroom Art 11-29-2011

There has been a lot of reported van-  
dalism in the men's restrooms around  
campus. Messages include, "Lasers  
never die"; "It's very redundant how  
you wash my pen marks every time  
I write. I mean why do you think it  
keeps happening? Have a lovely day";  
"Douche, then don't write on the damn  
walls I mean come on, use some com-  
mon sense. Psh"; and "Write some-  
thing or get off the pot."





# OrgSync

**Susan LoRusso**  
Staff Writer

If you are involved in a campus organization, you have most likely heard of OrgSync, but do you know what it is and what it can do for you and your organization?

OrgSync is a web-based platform that operates much like a typical social network but is specifically designed for higher education institutions to track student involvement and organizations on campus.

All UW-Stout student organizations must be registered on OrgSync, which includes having the organization's current roster and constitution uploaded to the site.

This year marks only the third year OrgSync has been in place at UW-Stout, and students and organizations may have not yet fully embraced the capabilities of the site.

UW-Stout Involvement Coordinator Krista Proksch said, "The challenge is students don't realize what is available through OrgSync, and look at it as a new process that they don't know how to use. That is why we offer training sessions for student leaders to attend, so we can teach them what is available."

Each semester, the Involvement and Leadership Center and the Stout Student Association sponsor the Healthy Org Check-up, which features several informational sessions, including

a session about OrgSync.

"OrgSync is always evolving, and these sessions provide the student leaders with a forum to learn about new features, get their questions answered and give feedback," said Proksch. "We are always looking to improve OrgSync's services for the organizations."

The four-hour Healthy Org Check-up is mandatory for all UW-Stout student organizations' leaders and takes place on a Sunday. This is meant to provide a service to the organizations, but the time required can put a strain on the individual student leaders.

Senior Lauryn Seering, former An Bu Anime Club vice president and Stoutonia's Editor-In-Chief, has attended four of the information sessions but found them to be of little help for her organizations.

"I attended because you can't register your organization if you don't attend," said Seering. "For me, the workshops were monotonous and not very helpful. I feel like they should realize that as students, we are busy. None of us want to attend full-day workshops."

Junior Cindy Beans, American Hotel and Lodging Association's president, is new to the position this semester and has not had the opportunity to attend an OrgSync information session but would like to get more information about the platform.

"I admit that we mainly use it to submit our budget, but I would like to learn more," said Beans. "It just seems so complicated, and I haven't had time to learn how to use all of the functions. I know some organizations use it a lot and have really found it to be a useful tool. I would like to get AHLA doing much more with OrgSync."

It appears that Facebook may be OrgSync's main competition. Both Seering and Beans primarily use Facebook for communication with their organizations.

"I'm sure other organizations might do more [with OrgSync], but currently the Stoutonia focuses on larger social media outlets like Facebook or Twitter," said Seering.

"At the beginning of the year we took a

poll to see if our members wanted to use OrgSync or Facebook," said Beans. "It was unanimous everyone wanted to use Facebook. A lot of our members have not even registered on OrgSync, so it would just be one more thing they have to do."

"I have heard from several students that their organizations use Facebook for everything," said Proksch. "OrgSync is a great way to communicate with members, and the nice thing is that communication can even be pushed out through Facebook, ensuring that your members are receiving updates. It really works with Facebook and not against it."

Proksch says the university has some work to do before OrgSync is widely accepted by student organizations, but was eager to explain exactly what OrgSync can do for students and their organizations.

"OrgSync allows student org. leaders and members to effectively manage their organization and centralize their efforts," said Proksch. "They can use OrgSync for everything from tracking meeting attendance, sending mass text messages, taking polls and storing electronic files, all while eliminating time, paper and energy. It's also a great tool to track your involvement throughout your college career, generate an extracurricular transcript and create an e-portfolio, which stays with students for life."

If you or your organization is interested in learning more about OrgSync, the Involvement and Leadership Center is willing to meet with students and organizations to provide one-on-one training.

For information about OrgSync, contact Krista Proksch at [proksch@uwstout.edu](mailto:proksch@uwstout.edu).







# New bakery on Broadway

Jeynnifer Huynh  
Staff Writer

Starting next semester on Feb. 1, University of Wisconsin-Stout students will be able to get a little taste of home with the opening of Vagabond Bakery on Main Street.

Rick and Theresa Suydam, the bakery's owners, are two UW-Stout graduates who came back to the town of Menomonie to offer the community their heartily baked goods.

The name, Vagabond, originated from Theresa's grandfather, who taught at UW-Stout and ran a printing press called the Vagabond Press. Along with this, he also baked bread during this time; most famously, a rye bread he named the Vagabond bread.

The Vagabond Bakery is neither an American Bakery, nor is it a French Bakery; Rick and Theresa want to achieve ethnically diverse products.

"There is no particular ethnicity; we want to try everything possible," said Rick.

So far, Vagabond's expanding menu includes Brookies (brownie cookies), bars, scones, cookies, vegan granolas, cupcakes, doughnut muffins, pretzels and breads. Gluten-free products are not on the menu yet, but it is being considered.

"It is hard to make gluten-free products without cross contamination—we would have to make a separate facility," says Rick.

Unlike most bakery shops that bake during



Getting ready to make that dough.

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Almost ready to roll open those doors!

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ghostly hours, the Vagabond bakes throughout the day, offering fresh goods for each customer. The scones are the bakery's signature product.

Rick and Theresa are thrilled to introduce these treats with their organic ingredients.

"We love our scones, but organic ingredients make them taste 10 times better," said Rick. "We also bake everything ourselves."

However, for those wary of a pricey pastry, do not be alarmed. Rick and Theresa are sensitive to the low income of college students in Menomonie despite using organic ingredients.

Rick and Theresa wanted to bring something new to the community in Menomonie. They realize the town's need for a bakery.

Many students agree with Rick and Theresa about needing a new bakery in town. "Seriously? I am going to be there every day," said UW-Stout student Kelvin Smith.



# Project better grown

**Jessica Vaysberg**  
News Editor

Five University of Wisconsin-Stout students took third place in the Project Better Gown competition, winning \$5,000. Angela Barron, Sara Kjos, Kathleen Magnuson, Carissa Reilly and Emily Smigla are the winners of the competition, hosted by the Park Nicollet Foundation.

The goal of the contest was to create a hospital gown that was comfortable and functional for patients versus the stan-

dard, breezy, unattractive hospital gowns that they are used too.

The students, all in the Apparel Design and Development program at UW-Stout, entered the contest through their Functional Clothing Design class taught by Professor Gindy Neidermyer.

"As a group we did extensive research on what the

doctors and patients wanted in the gown as well as fabric choices, closure systems, thermal regulation, body mobility and cost factors," said Barron. "Using our research we discovered the problems of the current hospital gown and began creating ways to fix the problems with our new design."

The students strived toward creating features of the gown that would be more comfortable for the patient. "Fasteners are located in the front of the body so patients can easily get in and out of the gown," said Smigla. "The innovative antibacterial silver properties of the Dri-lex fabric helps

prevent infections while still providing absorption and wicking properties to keep the patient comfortable."

The group also sought to add features allowing the wearer to better manipulate the garment without help. "The back of the gown has a panel that pulls down to allow the doctor or medical professional access to the patients," said Magnuson. "The back opening panel and the sleeve are combined through a pulley system where a tie attached to the back panel is woven through the sleeve. This way, the patient can open and close the back by themselves."

"Our gown was definitely innovative and new," said Smigla. "We had a great group that all worked together through our strengths, and it showed in the results."

**"We had a great group that all worked together through our strengths, and it showed in the results."**

*-Emily Smigla*



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Sara Kjos models her revolutionary gown.



# Hope for the holidays

**Claire Mathiowetz**  
*Staff Writer*

As the holiday season approaches, students in the Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) program participated in an annual tradition to help members of the community. For the past seven years, students in the Abuse and Family class have participated in social action projects once a semester. These projects target domestic violence prevention and awareness.

Each class section broke up into groups and was able to choose which area of the community they wanted to participate in. The projects have taken all semester to complete. These yearly projects aren't just centered on abuse in

the homes but also issues like abuse in teen and adult relationships, elementary school bullying and cyber-bullying.

Many different projects took place this semester, one of them being "Hope for the Holidays." This community outreach benefit, co-sponsored by The Bridge to Hope, a domestic violence shelter in Menomonie, took place on Dec. 3 at the Waterfront Bar and Grill.

"The event was a really rewarding and interesting experience," said Olivia Schuenke, the event's project manager. "It was important to put a lot of our effort into the community, and it has been really fun doing this project."

This event, like all of their projects, has taken place twice a year for the last seven years.

Around 500 people attend the event annually. "Hope for the Holidays" always features live music; this year Roster McCabe, a reggae-funk band, took the stage at Waterfront. The benefit also included a new activity—bingo.

"It is important that we raise money for The Bridge to Hope every year to help those who are victims of domestic violence, but the most important part of these projects is education and awareness of the issue," said Susan Wolfgram, associate professor of human development and family studies and the instructor of the Abuse and Family class at UW-Stout.

The other projects this semester include students working with inmates to help make the transition from jail back to society, as well as

students making a plaque in memory of a boy who died in a car accident. Students worked to provide domestic violence awareness education in the Dunn County Jail for male and female inmates.

"I truly believe that students need to be living their learning outside of the classroom," said Wolfgram. "When students realize they can make a difference in the world, even if it's just one by one, it is really transformative for them."

This year the "Hope for the Holidays" benefit raised \$1,100. "We raised twice as much money than the fundraiser has in the past, and around 200 people came despite the cold," said Schuenke.



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Festive decorations are all over town!



# Student group to hold Hmong New Year celebration



The group lines up for a festive photo.

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Jessica Vaysberg  
Press Release

Menomonie, Wis. — Live music and a fashion show will be part of the Hmong New Year celebration Saturday, Dec. 10, at University of Wisconsin-Stout.

The Hmong Stout Student Organization is sponsoring the fifth annual event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of Johnson Fieldhouse.

Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen will have opening remarks at 10 a.m., followed by comments from Wachor Lor, a Hmong elder from Menomonie.

A Hmong band playing traditional music will perform from 1:40-2:10 p.m. A fashion show featuring traditional clothing will be from 3-3:15 p.m.

Admission is \$3. There is no charge for UW-Stout students, children 5 and younger and those 65 and older.

Hmong New Year celebrations are linked to personal renewal and thanks for blessings during the past year.

"We want to promote Hmong culture to the

community, especially people who are not Hmong, to help them learn about our people and history," said See Lee of the Hmong Stout Student Organization, one of the largest minority groups on campus with 55 members.

Lee, a junior from Wausau, Wis., is majoring in art with a graphic design concentration.

The celebration also will include two keynote speakers, beginning at 11:25 a.m., food and product vendors, traditional dancers, a volleyball tournament and a ball tossing area.

Ball tossing is a Hmong social ac-

tivity used to meet other people. If someone drops a ball tossed to them, they must give a gift to that person.

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-See Lee

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# My experience with 3 Pill Morning and Leon J

David Kosloski  
Contributing Writer

While I was a student at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, I lived with a fellow classmate who was extremely into music. He and his friend brought me to my first-ever rock show. The line-up was Mudvayne and Nonpoint; it was quite an experience. I immediately fell in love with rock and wanted to find a way to help bands on a local level.

My friend Austin suggested I work with 3 Pill Morning, a band out of Minneapolis. It took an immense amount of work and research on my end, along with learning about the music industry firsthand. The band members were a big help with this. After a year of working with 3 Pill Morning, I discovered a producer by the name of Leon J. Leon sparked my interest because of the work he had done with The Crystal Method and BT. After meeting with him and seeing the drive and passion

he has for his music, I knew we would make a great team.

When I started working with Leon, he had recently released an album on Beatport. Since then, he has become an Ableton Live instructor, which is a huge accomplishment in the music world. Leon puts on one hell of a show, and anyone interested in techno or dubstep is in for a real treat with his Ableton Live sets. I'm very excited to come back to Menomonie and see Leon tear up the stage.

**3 Pill Morning accomplishments since I have started:**

"Loser" charted #54 on the Active Rock Charts

Three National tours with bands Nonpoint, Pop Evil and Framing Hanley  
Performances include numerous festivals: Shiprocked, Gibson Summer Jam and an International tour for the military.

Leon J will be performing an Ableton Live show at The Buck Dec. 10 at 9 p.m.

# Do you know Pakistan?

Iqra Ashraf  
Contributing Writer

"How could spam email be in the inbox of my Gmail account?" With this thought, I was about to delete the most important email of my life: the confirmation of being selected for a Fulbright Scholarship to the USA as a Cultural Ambassador.

After attending presentations in five-star hotels in Pakistan and Washington D.C., I [arrived] in Menomonie alone. I was afraid of being a cultural ambassador in a country that I had negative perceptions of. I expected people to be rude and uncooperative.

Unpredictable weather was a big problem, along with food. My taste buds did not like food without spices. At home, I was used to calling the food stalks and straws because of how many fresh vegetables were used, but now I love it and miss it badly.

Exploring Menomonie and nearby areas on bicycle and chit chatting with Americans made me think that you guys do not know much about Pakistan. The funniest questions I was asked were, "Do you have roads?" "Do you have grass?" "Do you know about microwave ovens?" and "Do you

have cars?" These types of questions made me want to write something about Pakistan to share with University Wisconsin-Stout students.

Pakistan is a Southeast Asian country that borders China, India, Afghanistan and Iran, and has a coastline along the Arabian Sea. It has snow-covered mountains year-round in the north province – Khyber Pakhtunkhwa – and deserts full of minerals and natural gas in the west province – Baluchistan. The east plains are famous for the cultivation of different kinds of crops, the largest salt mine in

Punjab and the oldest culture of the world is a symbol of Sindh in southern Pakistan. Pakistan

does not only have diversity in its land but also in culture and languages. Every region has its own language and culture.

Our nation is crazy about music. We have cultural festivals for music that feature big-named singers such as Hadiqa Kiyani, Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan and Atif Aslam. People love sports of

almost every kind, and Pakistan is the world champion of different sports like cricket, hockey and squash. Religious festivals of every religion, like Eids, Devali, Christmas and others,

are celebrated in Pakistan with equal freedom and zeal. Our nation loves its diversity in food, too. Every town has western restaurants, such as McDonald's, Subway and Pizza Hut, along with national food restaurants.

Pakistan is a country in which females are to be highly respected. It is also a nation that understands the difference between gender discrimination and gender difference, and where women work in offices as doctors, engineers, accountants, managers, clerks, assistants, teachers, pilots, plane fighters and prime ministers.

Pakistan has Nobel Prize awarded scientists Dr. Atta ur Rehman and Abdus Salam. Pakistani students make world records by achieving 23 A in A Level Exams, like Moin Ali Nawazish.

But still, there are a lot of things to do for the progress of my country, and I thank you for making my trip so lovely. I thank you guys for making me realize what we lack in the way of progress and development. I especially thank Americans for helping me to clear all bad stereotypes about them and making me realize how lovely, friendly and hardworking you guys are. I promise to clear stereotypes about America back in Pakistan and will try to be a great cultural ambassador.



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Multicultural student shows her pride.

# Staying CHILL for finals

Lauryn Seering  
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It's crunch time, folks. You have two weeks left of class and finals are looming over your head. You finally know what the inside of the library looks like, you've maybe cracked open that textbook that's been collecting dust and you've been checking D2L every five minutes. Perhaps you're freaking out, or maybe you are all set for finals.

For most students, there are 50 things to juggle at once. In between being a student, many of you have part-time jobs and other student organization responsibilities. It's hard to be committed when you have too many things at once.

So, here are a few tips on how to remain cool, calm and chill during your finals week.

## 5. Lists

Lists may become your new dorky best friend with whom you have a love/hate relationship. When you start the to do half of your list, it may appear overwhelming. But as you finish different items and your list becomes smaller, your life looks a little cheerier. Lists ensure that you don't forget anything you have to do that day, that week or that year. And there is something oh-so-satisfying about crossing off something on a list.

## 4. Motivation

Procrastinator? Well, don't be. The worst thing you can do for your grades and your sanity is put everything off until the end. Pulling all-nighters may seem like a great way to pump out some papers, but the quality of said papers will be below average. Teachers can tell when students put things off until the last minute. So, don't throw away all your hard work and go strong 'til finals.

## 3. Study Area

Student, meet Mr. Study Area. He's here for you to get a little alone time. He's here to help you concentrate on the task at hand. He does not include noisy roommates, classmates or randos. He does not include easy distractions like TV, video games or a fridge full of beer. Find your Mr. Study Area and keep him near and dear to your heart.

## 2. Breaks (Caffeine and Chocolate)

Make sure to give yourself frequent breaks. Non-stop-work-till-you-drop sounds like

you're going to get some stuff done, but no. If you try to overwork and overwhelm yourself, you aren't going to retain the information from class. Take breaks every few hours, call your parents or friends and be social. Then, once you're calm again, get back to the matter at hand: cursing your class and wondering why you need to know quantum physics and gantt charts anyway.

## 1. Organization

Keep all due dates clearly marked in your student planner. Make sure you know when, where and what you need for your final exams. Check your dropboxes on D2L- did you miss anything? This might be your last chance for extra credit. The key for organization is to not miss anything. With five or six courses, you can easily let an assignment slip your mind. But if your planner is telling you it's due, then you won't.

Good luck, brave students. Winter break is waiting for you.



# A True Bargain: Our New Visual Home

**Laura Larsen**  
Contributing Writer

In life and in the business world, you often get what you pay for. I think that's exactly what happened with the University of Wisconsin-Stout's new website.

Certainly, the redesign wasn't my choice. I didn't decide that the orange, which apparently is supposed to be a cousin of the copper color from our identity standards, represented UW-Stout, nor did I want to make D2L an extra click away.

It seems likely, given the impression my graphic design class took away from one of last spring's listening sessions on the website, that it was a "design by committee" affair. In order to appease everyone, which often ends up appeasing no one, the powers-that-be incorporated everyone's wants. Perhaps that's why the new site does have it all – navigation for every possible user on one page, bold vibrant colors, rotating dynamic content videos and an impossibly large static header.

The question is, why? Why is it that we have to become another university? Why is it that our visual hearth and home should look just like University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point or the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater?

After all, we are a polytechnic university, a one-of-a-kind individual in our own right. Perhaps next we contemplate metaphorical plastic surgery, we should have more of a reason than simply to follow the crowd...

**Mackenzie Owens**

"I'd like the new website to go away. It really makes me feel like Stout is not only dysfunctional but really likes complimentary colors."

**Maggie Langeness**

"Couldn't they have waited two more weeks until this semester is over?"

**Katie Held**

"It's very inconvenient for the staff and students, adding one step to login to D2L and webmail. New technology is about reducing the number of steps."

**Sara Glomski**

"It's better than what it was."

**Nathan Lovell**

"The website looks utterly pathetic. I'm glad I'm graduating in December and won't have to put up with it for more than a few weeks."

**Will Marringa**

"Usually you debug your product before releasing it. Apparently not in this case."

**Lauryn Seering**

"Did they usability test this website? I think not."

**Hassan Javaid**

"A horrible design, horrible usability and a baffling release date make this website one of the worst things Stout has done... ever."

**Steve Bird Pipkorn**

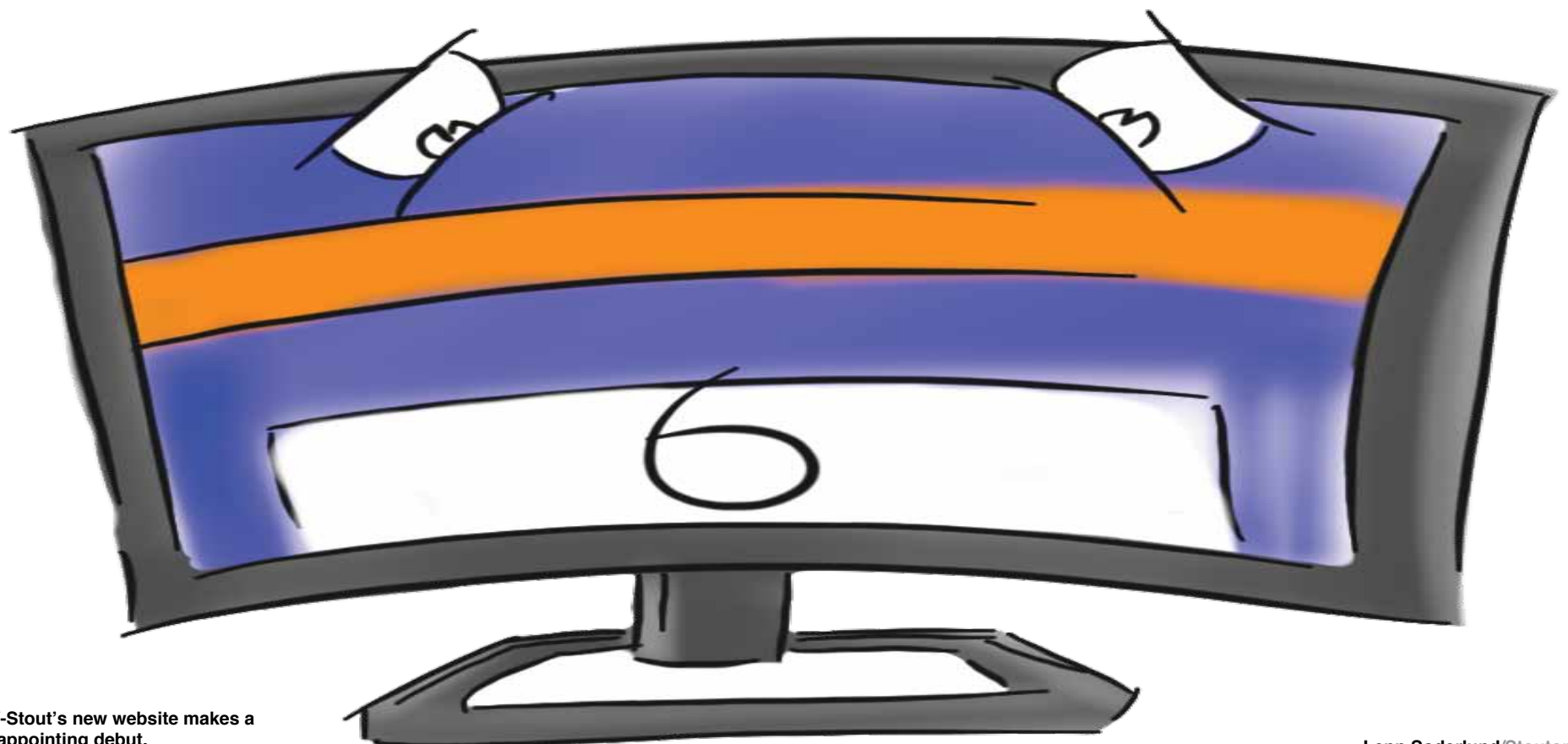
"I don't like the banner that runs in the middle of the page...couldn't they fix that to make it right under the drop-down menus? Just a thought."

**Danielle Roberts**

"Our school is known for design... so why the boring website?"

**Jessica Jacovitch**

"Haha.. I don't know if you want to get me started, but the new website drives me crazy! It is difficult to get around and seems to be focused on 'selling' the university to high school or transfer students. In my opinion, Stout should formulate a different site for recruitment of prospective students than the one it uses for current students. It's disappointing to think a university which I am investing time and money into is focused more on recruitment than providing a better education for students who already attend and pay tuition at their university. If Stout raises its standards for education, the interest of prospective students will also follow as they become a more respectable institution."



UW-Stout's new website makes a disappointing debut.



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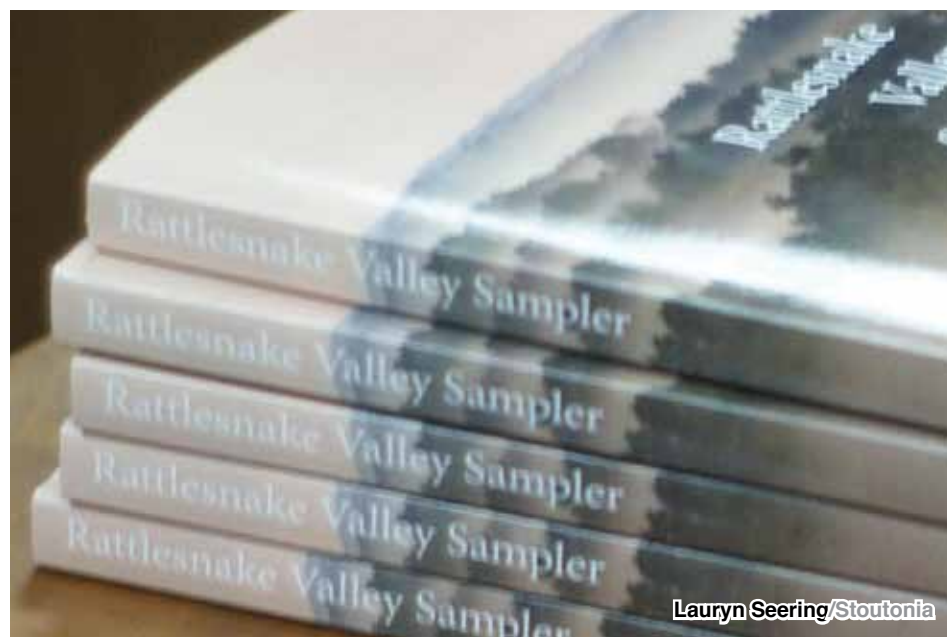
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## Rattlesnakes and toilets



Lauryn Seering/Stoutonia

**Lauryn Seering**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Students sat with crossed legs on the floor of Cogitare Bookstore, sipping their instant coffee. Surrounded by books of every sort, their attention was raptly focused on the event at hand. Authors Steven R. Luebke, a professor of English at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, and the University of Wisconsin-

Stout's own Brian Fitch took turns reading from the anthology "Rattlesnake Valley Sampler."

Around campus there are many opportunities to refine student's artistic tastes. Whether you enjoy visual or verbal arts, events held around campus can cater to your individual interests. Book readings on campus are frequent events, sometimes sponsored by our own English Department and other times by outside sources.

On Dec. 2, Cogitare's owner Mary Ellen Kirby hosted these authors at her shop. The focus of this book reading was the hyper-locality of authors. Many UW-Stout alumni and other local authors travel to campus and share their stories and success.

Luebke read aloud "Drifting," which is a normal family drama where abnormal events occur. A group of friends are accidentally pulled into the ocean when their

boat engine breaks. They fear that they are heading toward Cuba, which is unlikely, yet the boys start fighting each other in frustration.

"It's fun," Luebke explained, "because they are kids. They see things and think things that you normally wouldn't. It gives you a lot of different choices." These spats with friends are easily relatable, and Luebke enjoys implementing a slow exposition so the action at the end of the story pops.

Fitch followed with his own short story, "Unauthorized Absence." This cynical tale presents a group of rebel kids who skip class. Normal enough, right? Only these punks skip and travel to a toilet emporium, proceeding to meander through the porcelain collection while asking, "Excuse me, what did you pay for your toilet?" This story has rampant cliché high school characters that are somehow rendered new and exciting. They are easily relatable characters and could have been anyone when we were all young and immature. Students and faculty alike giggled aloud while listening to Fitch read his story, and everyone enjoyed the enthusiasm.

"I'm stunned by being able to smell the water while he read aloud," Kirby said after the reading. "I'm from the marshland and know the setting well. Those descriptive phrases are just beautifully put together."

The thing that these stories have in common is the fact that they are written by regional writers with regional settings. These stories are focused on the Mississippi River, from the top to the bottom.

Getting published in these anthologies can be a slow process. Fitch explained after the reading that he'd submitted his story to this anthology ages ago and had forgotten about it by the time they accepted his story. Most UW-Stout students would instantly recognize the setting because it's in their own backyard.

The "Rattlesnake Valley Sampler" and other local books are available at Cogitare Bookstore in downtown Menomonie or on Amazon.com.



Lauryn Seering/Stoutonia

Steven Luebke reading "Drifting."



## Winter activities in, around and within driving distance from Menomonie

Rachel Policano  
Staff Writer

Baby, it's cold outside! It's that time of year again when the Midwest becomes a snowy paradise, and with that comes the numerous winter activities that help us pass the time during the upcoming frostbitten months. Whether it be skating, snowboarding, sledding or skiing, here are a few choice locations near Menomonie that are open for the season now that the snow is here to stay.

### Red Cedar State Trail

The Red Cedar State Trail is prepared specifically for cross-country skiing from Menomonie to Downsville, Wis. You can also snowshoe as long as you remain on the ungroomed parts of the trail. A pass is required for those 16 years of age or older.

### Chippewa River State Trail

Similar to the Red Cedar State Trail, the Chippewa River State Trail out of Eau Claire, Wis. is available for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. A difference between the Chippewa River and Red Cedar State Trails is that the Chippewa River allows snowmobiles on its trails and connects to numerous miles of county snowmobile trails. Skiers, who do not need passes to use the trail, and snowshoers will have to share these ungroomed trails with snowmobilers.

### Afton Alps Recreation Area

If you plan on crossing over the border this winter, Afton Alps Recreation Area in Hastings, Minn. is the state's premier skiing and snowboarding destination. With 48 runs, 18 chairlifts, terrain parks and snowtubing, this location is chock-full of activities to spend an entire season enjoying. While there are fees for the lifts, it is worth it if you're a snow junkie. Check their website ([www.aftonalps.com](http://www.aftonalps.com)) for when certain parts are open for use. As of Dec. 6 - 9 skiing and snowboarding are available but snow tubing is not open yet.

### Dunn County SnowPark

The Dunn County SnowPark within the Dunn County Recreational Park is the perfect place for the most popular winter activities for anyone in Menomonie this winter season. The terrain is great for beginner and freestyle snowboarders, skiers and sledders. The park features boxes, rails, bonks and jumps for riders of all skill levels to enjoy. The park is built and ran by volunteers.

\*Please note that this is not a professionally maintained or operated hill. Ride or slide at your own risk. Located on 17th Street next to the Dunn County Fairgrounds in Menomonie.



### Holidazzle Parade in Downtown Minneapolis

Will depart from the Bank Building at 3:30 p.m. and return to UW-Stout at 10 p.m. Sponsored by the Student Organization Center.

### "The Underpants" presented by the UW-Stout Theatre

Dec. 7, 8, 9 & 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Harvey Hall Theatre

Tickets \$12

### George Watsky, slam poet

Thursday, Dec. 8 at 8 p.m.

Sunken Lounge inside the Price Commons

### REEL PADDLING Film tour

Hosted by the Stout Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education

Thursday, Dec. 8 from 7 - 9 p.m.

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### Live music by Leon J

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Saturday, Dec. 10 at 10 p.m.

### The School of Art and Design Faculty Exhibition

Furlong Gallery

Dec. 1 - Feb. 9

## Bonfire at Hoffman Hills

Andrew Schneider  
Staff Writer

Looking for something fun to do to relieve stress from finals? Join the University of Wisconsin-Stout Optimist Club on the evening of Dec. 18 at Hoffman Hills for a giant bonfire.

In early November, volunteers helped move massive amounts of brush into about half a dozen giant piles. Helping the DNR move the brush was an important part of their long-term goal for the area. The plan is to burn the brush that has grown there now and return the area into an oak savanna, which is an important but nearly lost part of the local ecosystem.

All UW-Stout students are invited to participate; the festivities begin at 6 p.m. at the overflow parking lot of Hoffman Hills. Everyone will be led to the brush pile and then a member of the DNR will set the brush pile on fire.

Members of the Optimist Club will be present and with hot cocoa. You can bring snacks, marshmallows and anything else you can cook over a fire.

If you never have been to Hoffman Hills, this would be a great time to go. Stop by early and go to the top of the observation tower, where you can see Menomonie to the west and Eau Claire, Wis. to the east.

"There are not a lot of opportunities to see something like this," said Chelsea Culver, president of the Stout Optimist Club. "We are going to make this a fun event, so come and enjoy the fire and hot chocolate."

If you are interested in going, make sure to check Campus Life Today before the event to check for any time changes.

The bonfire will get huge, so bring a lot of friends to enjoy it. On a Sunday night in Menomonie, what else is there to do?





## Professor glitters with Martha Stewart, take two

Rose Meier  
Entertainment Editor

Kari Tarr, School of Art and Design professor, was featured on The Martha Stewart Show on the morning of Dec. 6 to demonstrate how to make glitter Christmas tree ornaments.

The live broadcast showed Tarr demonstrating the step-by-step process of creating one of her glitter ornaments using the new 24-pack of Martha Stewart glitter.

"The idea of being on Martha [Stewart] at Christmas time is just a dream come true," said Tarr as she prepared for the show's taping. "And getting to go back on for the second time is really amazing."

You heard that right: this is the second time that Tarr has made an appearance on The Martha Stewart Show in the past year. Tarr made her debut appearance on the show in March to demonstrate how to make her glitter paintings when she was a finalist for the Simply Remarthable contest.

This time she was invited back on the show after she contacted producers to let them know she was honored that they were featuring images of her glitter paintings for promotional use.

"I also sent along some new glitter ornament images of things I had been working on," said Tarr. "They loved the images, pitched my ornaments for a segment and I got the call a few weeks ago that my segment was a go!"

Tarr finds inspiration from vintage ornaments and stained glass windows.

"I love the look of vintage glass ornaments," said Tarr. "My mother has always had a tree full of them every Christmas since I was a child."

If you are interested in purchasing Tarr's ornaments, they are sold online at [www.etsy.com/shop/TheGlitteredSquirrel](http://www.etsy.com/shop/TheGlitteredSquirrel). They will also be sold at Legacy Chocolates' Christmas open house on Saturday, Dec. 10 from noon to 4 p.m.

Tarr earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in 2002. She then returned to teach at UW-Stout from 2005-2007, and then again in 2009. She is still teaching at UW-Stout today.

To get step-by-step instructions to make Tarr's ornaments, visit the article on the Martha Stewart website at [www.marthastewart.com/870701/glittered-ornaments](http://www.marthastewart.com/870701/glittered-ornaments).



Kari Tarr/Contributed Photo

## Game Review: Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim

Hassan Javaid  
Contributing Writer

Rating: 5/5 stars

Epic is the only word that can truly describe the fifth entry in the Elder Scrolls series, "Skyrim." "Skyrim" is thought by many to be the best game this year, and with an expansive and immersive world, beautiful graphics and over 100 hours of gameplay, it definitely deserves that honor.

"Skyrim," much like its predecessors, "Oblivion" and "Morrowind," is an open world role-playing game (RPG) with a huge degree of freedom of choice. There are millions and millions of things to do in the game, and the game gives you the option of doing whatever you want, whenever you want. Curious about the main storyline and just want to get it over with? You can do that. Interested in doing millions of side quests and ignoring the main quest altogether? "Skyrim" can make it happen.

What really is impressive about "Skyrim" is just how long and huge the scope of the game is. Not only that, but nearly every aspect of the gameplay has been refined to the point where everything is near perfection.

The questing system, for example, is incredibly easy to understand and use to organize quests. The map and fast travel options are nearly seamless as well, making travel less of a hassle. The leveling system is one of the most remarkable new changes in the game. Instead of overwhelming the player with statistics to tinker with, the game allows you to increase either your magic, health or stamina. It also gives you a perk point, which you can use to unlock various bonuses in the leveling system. The new system is simple, and it's because of this simplicity that those afraid of dauntingly confusing level-up trees can now play and focus on the combat as well as exploring rather than level grind.

Combat—a big issue in the previous games—has finally been given the facelift it has long needed and is now incredibly fluid and satisfying. Now, weapon attacks feature breathtaking finishing animations. Magic casting is incredibly fun as well, with the

ability to dual-wield spells for some truly interesting combinations.

The presentation has received a major facelift. Characters are better animated, making them seem more human than ever before. The graphics for the game are jaw-dropping, with many a moment when the player will stand stationary and look around, enjoying the amazing sights. The music is also impressive, highlighting key moments and further escalating the excitement level of the action when it kicks in. This game is filled with immersive atmosphere, and it's largely due to the impressive presentation and attention to detail.

Long story short, get this game and get it when there is an abundance of time at your disposal! This is a huge, engrossing and addictive game that is possibly the best game to come out this year. With tons of content, great gameplay, amazing presentation and so many other things that cannot be praised enough without writing an entire book, "Skyrim" is definitely the one game you need to play this year.

**Note:** The recommended version for this game is the Xbox 360 or PC version. The PlayStation 3 version is currently riddled with bugs.



Nate Eu/Stoutonia



# Game review: "Ultimate Marvel vs. Capcom 3"

Jeff Gebert  
Staff Writer

Rating: 4.5/5 stars

"Ultimate Marvel vs. Capcom 3" for the PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360 is the successor to "Marvel vs. Capcom 3," but it's not a sequel. "Ultimate Marvel vs. Capcom 3" includes 12 new characters and a few extra features, but the game's concept remains the same. It's a two player fighting game where you choose a three person team from 48 of Marvel and Cap-

com's finest characters. Among them, you'll see popular characters such as Spiderman, Wolverine, Ryu and Viewtiful Joe, as well as more obscure characters like Dormammu and Nathan Spencer. You use special moves and assists to rack up a big combo to score huge damage on your opponent. Take it from me—this game is addictive.

Let me just start off by saying I played the heck out of the original "Marvel vs. Capcom 3." I don't want to brag, but I knew combos with all of the characters, bought the strategy guide and had a win/loss record of 3026/1514.

With my special fightpad controller, I played that game for countless hours. So, when I heard Capcom was once again charging money for a mere expansion of one of their newly released games (original "Marvel vs. Capcom 3" only came out in February of this year), I was skeptical, but once I read more, I was on board.

The biggest change is the addition of 12 new characters: six from the Marvel side and six from the Capcom side. Marvel brings characters such as Ghost Rider, Dr. Strange and Hawkeye into the fray, and Capcom brings favorites like Frank West from "Dead Rising," Vergil from "Devil May Cry 3," and my man, Phoenix Wright. Each character brings a unique play style.

A few changes have also been added to the game's online mode. The Netcode has been improved for smoother connection and it definitely shows. The game has a spectator mode, so if you're in a lobby with more than two people, you actually get to watch the other people fight instead of watching their player cards bump into each other for two minutes. That's seriously how it was in the original "Marvel vs. Capcom 3." Another welcome addition is the ability to see who you're about to fight instead of just being thrown into a match with a random person. So, if you just fought a spammer with a laggy connection, you won't be forced to fight them if you don't want to.

I am extremely disappointed that the replay feature isn't in "Ultimate Marvel vs. Capcom 3." "Super Street Fighter 4" included a replay channel that I used all the time to save my most glorious online moments and show them to my

uninterested friends. My least favorite of the changes is the new design for the health bar. The character you're playing has their health in the middle instead of on the top, and it can be confusing knowing which assist button will bring in which character. The game also promises eight new stages, but really, they just took the eight stages from the last game, changed them a bit—making the stage at night, or with snow—and called them new.

"Ultimate Marvel vs. Capcom 3" has all the same modes it did before. There's a training mode to practice your combos and a mission mode where you complete certain combos in order to earn online titles. There's also an arcade mode with a half-assed story, but who plays fighting games for the story anyway? You'll most likely be spending the majority of your time playing online.

I'm a huge fan of fighting games, and this one in particular is one of my favorites. Playing an opponent online and beating them with a combo that you've been practicing in training mode is a great feeling. I got this game at the midnight release and have been playing it ever since. A lot of these features could have easily been downloadable content, but if Capcom keeps releasing awesome fighting games, I'll keep buying them. "Ultimate Marvel vs. Capcom 3" feels like it could have come with a few more features, but it's still the game that I've been playing and loving for months. If you didn't pick up the original "Marvel vs. Capcom 3," this is the version to get, and at \$40, it's a great deal.

## Movie Review: "Howard the Duck"

Jeff Gebert  
Staff Writer

Rating: 0.5/5 stars

I've seen a lot of movies in my day, but very few bring up as many negative feelings as 1986's "Howard the Duck," based off of the Marvel comics of the same name. The film was executive produced by George Lucas, so we can throw this movie into his bucket of flops along with "Phantom Menace" and "Kingdom of the Crystal Skull."

The movie starts with the title hero, Howard, coming home to his apartment in a world completely inhabited by human-like ducks. In the first five or so minutes, Howard lights a cigar, grabs a beer and we see a pair of duck breasts. Seriously. There's a costume of a female duck with breasts. I thought this was supposed to be a kid's movie. The main character's a little duck, so adults probably aren't going to be too interested. The movie has a hard time having one scene without some kind of adult joke. They're not even discreet or funny. It's basically like, "Oh, Howard has a little duck condom in his wallet. That's funny, right?"

Then suddenly, Howard is teleported out of his apartment, out of his duck world and into the wonderful world of Cleveland, Ohio. There he meets Beverly, played by Lea Thompson ("Back to the Future"), who is a lead singer of a band.

She lets him live with her for a few days, and then they go to Beverly's incredibly obnoxious scientist friend who's fascinated by Howard and does what he can to help. Then nothing happens for a good while; Howard tries to fit in, but can't because he's a duck. Also, Howard and Beverly have an extremely uncomfortable romantic scene that I'm

not going to get into, because I'm currently trying to block that out of my mind.

The obnoxious scientist finds out that Howard was sent here by some space machine thing in a lab somewhere in Cleveland and that they can use it to get Howard back home. But instead of that happening and the movie ending, something goes wrong and an evil, dark overlord takes over the body of a scientist played by Jeffrey Jones ("Ferris Bueller's Day Off," "Beetlejuice"), and speaks in an annoying, raspy, evil voice for the next 45 minutes of the movie. So, it's up to everyone's favorite midget in a duck costume to save the universe.

Last October I reviewed "The Room," which was a horrible movie but still had a sense of charm and was laughably awful. "Howard the Duck" is just stupid all the way through. The movie doesn't know what it wants to be. It stars a duck from outer space and a plethora of stupid duck puns that only infants would find funny, and yet, there are sex jokes and inappropriate situations that aren't very kid-friendly. Just about every character in this movie is annoying with the exception of Lea Thompson. This is the worst movie Marvel's ever made—even worse than "Elektra," and that's saying something.

I'll give this movie half of a star out of 5 for two reasons: I like Lea Thompson and when this movie was finished, I felt a sense of relief that I haven't felt since I finished all my finals last semester. Sitting through this entire movie is an accomplishment.

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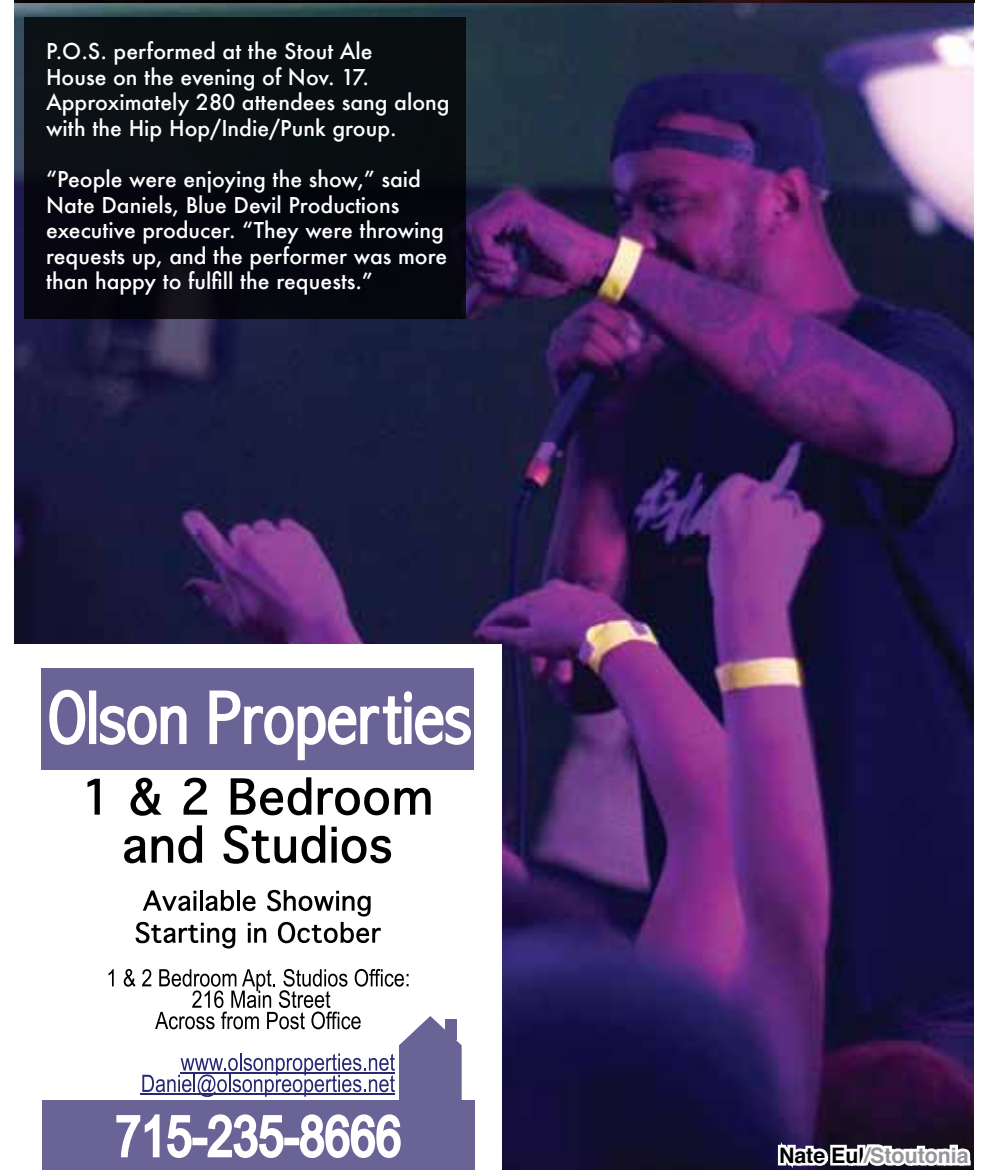
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## P.O.S. rocked the House!

P.O.S. performed at the Stout Ale House on the evening of Nov. 17. Approximately 280 attendees sang along with the Hip Hop/Indie/Punk group.

"People were enjoying the show," said Nate Daniels, Blue Devil Productions executive producer. "They were throwing requests up, and the performer was more than happy to fulfill the requests."



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# Thunderhawks tryouts, a tough decision for the coaches

**Kou Yang**  
Staff Writer

Tryouts are usually intense and all business no matter the sport, and if you haven't been to a Menomoneie Thunderhawks tryout, you might think the same. At this tryout session, however, everybody stretched and warmed up together like it was a team practice; that's the kind of atmosphere Ray Roberts wants to instill.

Roberts is the head coach and president of the Thunderhawks, a non-profit semi-pro football team specializing in entertainment and community outreach.

After stretches, Roberts introduced the players to his coaching staff, summoning laughter after each introduction.

"It's a lot of grown men that want to play

and didn't get to play in college or the pro level, so that's exciting," said Roberts.

Prospective players compete in events such as the 40-yard dash, broad jump and the figure-8 run, just like they would if they were trying out for the National Football League at the combine. So what are the team's needs going into next season?

"Offensive line depth, continued community event participation and continuing growing awareness about the Thunderhawks," said Roberts.

Because the Thunderhawks is a family- and community-oriented team, the most important trait, aside from assessing talent, is a player's character.

"We are very concerned about image and character," Roberts said. "We assess each person to be involved in our organization

to the fullest extent of resources we have available. We handle each individual by a case-by-case basis and pride ourselves on the integrity that we are committed to ensuring we have the best quality people involved with our organization."

Justin Fults, whose full-time job is the director of South Hall at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, is trying out for the team again after becoming a Thunderhawk for the first time last year.

"There was a lot of intensity even though it was just a combine; there is a lot of excitement for the new season," said Fults. "It's the community that will help us win a championship."

There were more than 100 applicants but only 67 showed up for tryouts. This was fewer than expected, but the players that did

show up made an impression on Roberts.

"I'm pleased with the quality of athletes," said Roberts. "Last year's numbers were more, but this year we have better quality."

"A lot of guys are excited to be a part of what we want to do, and there are a lot of players that want to return. There are going to be some difficult decisions to make because there are so many good players."

The Thunderhawks are having another tryout session on Jan. 28, 2012. Tryouts are free and open to anyone age 18 and older, no matter the skill level.

If you're interested in playing football and getting involved with the community, go ahead, give it a try. It's not as serious as the NFL combine.



Battling for a spot on the Thunderhawks roster.

Layne Pitt/UW-Stout Athletics



# Women's Hockey Club is heating up the ice

**Kelsey Penrod**  
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's Women's Hockey Club has a skate-in to Nationals this season as it leads with a record of 7-1.

The club's president, Emily Jones, has been making the team's game schedule since the start of last spring in preparation for this winter's season. "It's a big responsibility to be president," said Jones, "but it has a lot of benefits, and it's fun." Jones has been the president since last year's season, when she served as both president and vice president.

Jones' passion for hockey stemmed from her brother and dad, who both play and love the sport. A former figure skater and Menomonie native, Jones was encouraged to try hockey due to the hockey obsession within her family; she immediately fell in love with the sport and began playing with the boys.

"It just clicked," said Jones. Before college, she started the Menomonie youth girls' team and also developed the first women's hockey team at Menomonie High School.

"We have very good incoming freshmen and transfer students this season," said

Jones. The club team consists of 19 girls with 13 returning members from last year. They hold three practices a week two at night and one in the morning.

UW-Stout students Neil Murray and Ryan Foose donate their time to help coach the girls during practices. "It takes a lot of their commitment," said Jones. "Our coaches have a love for the game and the passion to coach. They help us pick up the loose ends and without them, we wouldn't have as good of a team as we do this season."

The club team travels for games throughout the season all over Wisconsin. With a 7-1 season lead, the team has been accepted for Nationals in Ohio this coming March. The top three club teams from both the west and east division are chosen to participate in the Nationals tournament. "It's a great team this season," said Jones, "We have a great group of girls and it's always great to play hockey together."

With the \$125 it takes to rent out the ice rink for one hour, the club has fortunately received more money this season from the Stout Student Association (SSA) than it has in the past. This extra money has helped the club gain more practice time to prepare for

games, which has resulted in wins and increased game turnouts.

"Our stadium has been almost full each game this season," said Jones, "Basically we get the game schedule out through word of mouth with friends, family and teachers. The word definitely gets around campus."

Jones is looking forward to continuing this season as president of the Women's Hockey Club. Although she will be graduating next December, she hopes to continue playing hockey beyond the end of her college career. "Skating in general has been a part of my life since I was three," said Jones, "and I have no intentions in stopping now or in the future."



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Okay, here's the plan.

Layne Pitt/UW-Stout Athletics

# Now ya see him, now ya don't Tim Nelson sets new records at cross country nationals

**Kelsey Penrod**  
Staff Writer

November 19 marked a day of record breaking accomplishments for the University of Wisconsin-Stout's men's cross country team.

Tim Nelson, a junior from Augusta, Wis., placed fourth at the 2011 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II Cross Country Championships at Lake Breeze Golf Club in Winneconne, Wis., earning him All-American honors. This finish was above any previous placing for a UW-Stout cross country runner at a national meet. Nelson finished with a personal best time of 24 minutes, 13.10 seconds, beating out Midwest Region Champion Matthew Perez of North Central College.

This season Nelson was named WIAC runner of the week a total of three times and still currently holds the school record for the indoor 5,000 meter and outdoor 10,000 meter.

"I run about 80 miles a week," said Nelson. "We cross country guys probably know Menomonie the best because of our runs both on- and off-season."

With his rigorous training schedule, Nelson was determined more than ever to come out on top this season. "I never skip anything and I take an ice bath every day to fight inflammation. I try to go above my routine and really work hard so I can keep improving."

"I used to enjoy running with Tim, but not anymore," said Matt Schauf, Nelson's cross country coach. "He's too fast." Schauf finished his fifth season as coach

for both the men's and women's cross country programs at UW-Stout. "Tim is extremely hard-working and focused. He is dedicated to be the best athlete possible," said Schauf.

Schauf started his coaching career in 2000 as an assistant coach at Darlington High School and truly understands the concept, form and drive of competitive running.

"You have to have a stable format of running, background experience, summer training and current goals and desires," said Schauf. "Tim has this along with a great personality to add to the team. If you talk to anyone else on campus, everybody loves Tim. He is very outgoing, personable and enjoys being a student athlete here at Stout."

Schauf stresses that it takes extreme focus and dedication to accomplish Nelson's feat. "You need a lot of commitment," said Schauf.

"You have a choice to make in order to be successful which is not always the easiest one but if you want the reward, then you have to make it. Tim is a prime example of this."

Nelson plans on competing on the UW-Stout track team this season as well as continue cross country next year as a returning senior. "I will always run," said Nelson. "I enjoy it too much."

Whether this athlete competes in the future is yet to be determined, but Nelson stays in the moment and soaks up the present. "Our team deserves to be recognized for all their hard work. Especially a thanks to our coach, who cares so much about us and is altogether a great coach, mentor and friend."

With his true athleticism, magnetic personality and his ultimate passion for the sport, Nelson will continue to make his team and UW-Stout proud.



# Young Blue Devils experience ups and downs early

Kou Yang  
Staff Writer

The early season has come with success for the University of Wisconsin-Stout men's basketball team. After claiming the championship at the Wartburg College Buzz Levick Tournament, the Blue Devils were runners-up at their own four-team tournament, the Quality Inn & Suites Turkey Shootout.

In the semi-finals against Northland College, UW-Stout jumped to an early 12-2 lead. Northland would come back to tie it up at 14 a piece and then take the lead, but only to give it up again as UW-Stout cruised to a 79-53 victory.

Erik Olson, a junior from Buffalo, Minn., scored eight points along with seven rebounds and a game-high of 11 assists. Olson added a game-high of six steals.

Steve Pax, a sophomore from Elmwood, Wis., led UW-Stout with 12 points. Three other Blue Devils scored in double-digits. Aaron Jenny, a sophomore from New London, Minn., and Tim Butina, a sophomore

from Woodbury, Minn., each added 10 points. Carter Ciolkosz, a freshman from Maplewood, Minn., scored 11.

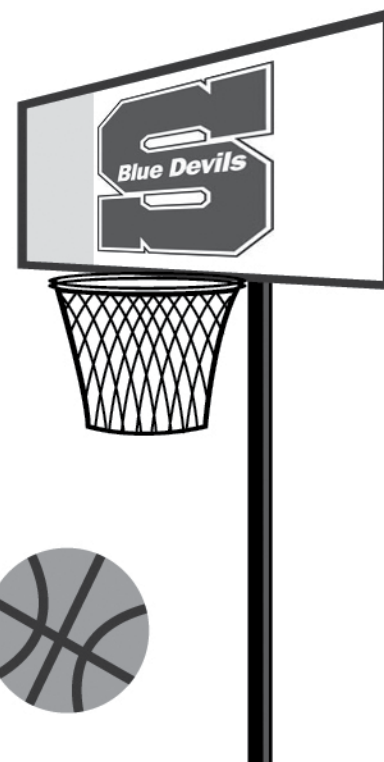
Robert Morris University defeated Wartburg College in the other semi-finals to match up against UW-Stout in the championship game.

In the finals, Robert Morris took an early 14-2 lead, and the closest UW-Stout could manage was a six-point deficit at 20-14 in the first half. Robert Morris would go on to lead by as much as 28 points.

Undefeated Robert Morris University held UW-Stout to its lowest point total of the season as the Blue Devils were hit with their second loss, 50-76.

Jarvis Ragland, a sophomore from Milwaukee, Wis., scored a team-high of 12 points to go with five boards. Pax added 12 points for the Blue Devils.

After having success early, the Blue Devils have been on a three-game skid losing to two top-25 teams, losing against Division II No. 20 Winona State University on Nov. 29, 54-82, and against conference foe University



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## Sport clubs at Stout encouraging the common student to be a competitive Blue Devil

Morgan Pfaller  
Sports Editor

Sport clubs at the University of Wisconsin-Stout provide students with a unique opportunity to compete in specific sports or activities. There are over 25 clubs with more than 800 student members. Last school year, the paintball team, men's and women's volleyball, fishing and men's lacrosse all made it to Nationals; a great feat for the students and UW-Stout as well.

Many clubs are highly competitive and may travel or host competitions with clubs from other regional universities, while other clubs are purely recreational. Men's rugby is the only Division I team at UW-Stout.

These clubs are run entirely by students with the help of a faculty or staff advisor, and the executive board works with the Stout Student Association (SSA) to provide funding and commission to each club. They provide the clubs with the proper equipment and allow the presidents a budget to work with for traveling expenses.

When the Memorial Student Center (MSC) opens for the spring semester, the executive board plans on having a "Spring Sports Club Bash" to provide students with information on all of the

different clubs available on campus and encourage them to sign up.

At the end of the year, the executive board sends a survey to all UW-Stout students asking them to speak up on what they would like to see on campus as far as sports and recreation. Recent survey results from students led to the opening of North Point Fitness, an exercise center on the North Campus side of UW-Stout that is more focused on cardio.

Information on the clubs currently at UW-Stout:

**Bowling:** Competed at the Tournament-Warhawk Open against 25 opposing schools. Finished third place overall, finishing one spot ahead of Midland (ranked 11th in the country). The team moved from 69th to 43rd and earned a position in sectionals.

**Women's Rugby:** Played two girls short against longtime opponent the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. UW-Stout walked away with a 37-7 win.

**Men's Rugby:** A-Side Loss (18-10), B-Side Win (53-47); currently gearing up for the spring season and facing off against Division I teams.

Those interested in joining a sports club should contact Jake Twaddle at [twaddlej@my.uwstout.edu](mailto:twaddlej@my.uwstout.edu) or go to [www.uwstout.edu/urec/clubs/](http://www.uwstout.edu/urec/clubs/) to contact a club president.

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# Awkward sports photo of the week:



## BLUE DEVIL SCOREBOARD

### MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

The University of Wisconsin-Stout played St. Scholastica on Saturday, Dec. 3 in Duluth, Minn. at Mars Lakeview Arena. The Blue Devils traded goals with the Saints in each period. Unfortunately, St. Scholastica scored the final goal to tie the score at 3-3. Both teams had the chance to score in overtime with the Blue Devils putting four shots on the net and St. Scholastica three.

The Blue Devils will return home next weekend for the first time in more than a month when they will host the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Friday, Dec. 9 and Saturday, Dec. 10.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

On Saturday, Dec. 3 the University of Wisconsin-Stout faced the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Warhawks in Whitewater, Wis. The Warhawks started the game 29-6 within the first 10 minutes and led 59-29 at halftime against the Blue Devils. Courtney Hayford, a freshman from Owatonna, Minn., led UW-Stout with 12 points and Brea Boomer, a freshman from Grand Portage, Minn., finished with eight points.

The Blue Devils will travel to the University of Wisconsin-Superior Wednesday, Dec. 7 and then face the University of Wisconsin-Platteville at home Saturday, Dec. 10.

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The University of Wisconsin-Stout played the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on Saturday, Dec. 3 at Kachel Gymnasium in Whitewater, Wis. The Warhawks scored 29 points in the first half and led at halftime 42-19. During the second half, they ran off to as much as a 44-point lead. UW-Stout earned 15 points from Jarvis Ragland, a sophomore from Milwaukee, Wis.

The Blue Devils will host the University of Wisconsin-Superior on Wednesday, Dec. 7 and then will host the University of Wisconsin-Platteville on Saturday, Dec. 10.



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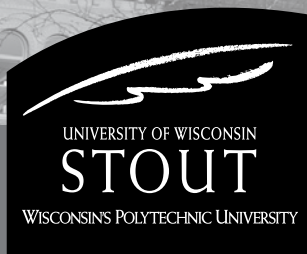


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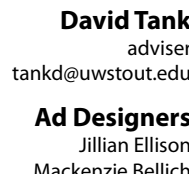
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- Editor-in-Chief, Laurn Seering

*"I would like to see every country in the world."*

- News Editor, Jessica Vaysberg

*"I would like to drink margaritas on the beach of the Mediterranean sea."*

- Production Manager, Jamie Olson

*"I would like to graduate, and relax with a few beers in Mexico."*

- Opinions Editor, Jerad Maplethorpe

*"I would like to pee in every ocean."*

- Sports Editor, Morgan Pfaller

*"I'd like to make a cheesecake, adopt a puppy and subscribe to Spotify."*

- Entertainment Editor, Rose Meier

*"I would like to rescue a firefighter from a burning building."*

- News Layout Designer, Nate Eul

*"I don't give a crap that the world is going to end; so I would do nothing."*

- Chief Copy Editor, Laura Larsen

#### Jessica Vaysberg News Editor

First Lady Michelle Obama joined University of Wisconsin-Stout students as well as other University of Wisconsin campuses, alumni, teachers and community members over a telephone call on Jan. 30.

The event was put on by Students for Affordable Education and sponsored by the College Democrats in an effort to get students involved in the 2012 presidential campaign as well as to discuss the rising costs of tuition college students are currently being faced with.

"I thought it was a cool idea, the whole concept of her having a phone call with the UW

campuses," said Lita Olsen, a UW-Stout student who attended the phone conference. "It really made me think more about the upcoming election, and the policies that come along with each candidate."

College Democrats Vice President Jed Ballard believes that the first step to getting involved in the upcoming election is to attend a College Democrats meeting. "We are open to everyone joining and

## Michelle Obama has a chat with University of Wisconsin students



**"I'm looking forward to seeing you all on the campaign trail in the months ahead."**

*-Michelle Obama*

would like to see more students get involved," said Ballard. "If they are not wanting to be party

affiliated, they can join Students For Affordable Education." The College Democrats typically meet every two to three weeks.

Michelle Obama tied the conference to-

gether by stating, "I'm looking forward to seeing you all on the campaign trail in the months ahead."

**Michelle has a chat with the collage democrats.**

Pete VanDusartz IV/Stoutonia



Chrysler reported annual profit for the first time since 2005.

A New Hampshire family was saved from a garage fire by their dog's barking.

Facebook is expected to file for a 5 billion dollar stock market listing.

A Minnesota family is planning a memorial service for their family members still unaccounted for in the Costa Concordia shipwreck.

One million packets of birth control pills are being recalled because they may not prevent pregnancy.

A woman in Afghanistan was killed by her husband for giving birth to a female instead of a male.

Michele Bachmann is denying reports that she endorses Gov. Mitt Romney.

A Minnesota group pushing to ban same-sex marriage in Minnesota raised \$830,000 in 2011.

# BRANCHING NEWS



## ~~Smooth~~ CRIMINALS

Tales of stupidity from Menomonie

### Citations Issued Dec. 3, 2011 - Jan. 25, 2012

**Laurn Seering**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Underage first offense: 22  
Underage second offense: 5  
Possession of marijuana: 7  
Possession of drug paraphernalia: 9  
State arrest on possession of marijuana: 4  
State arrest on possession of drug paraphernalia: 5

**But I Need the Time...**  
12/05/2011

The theft of a Primex wireless digital wall clock was reported from an academic building. Wouldn't a watch suffice?

**Anger Fess Up**  
12/07/2011

A student accidentally caused damage to the glass of a residence hall door. At the time video was rolling, showing the glass busting open. The student came forward of their own vocation. The student reports they'd been having a spat with a lover and lost their temper. What an expensive way to lose your temper, since the damages to the door were \$297.52, but taking responsibility is admirable and priceless.

**No Babies**  
12/08/2011

Unknown persons stole a student's three-month supply of birth control pills.

**Double Disorderly**  
12/17/2011

An officer went to one of the residence halls to check up on reports of disorderly conduct. The student they found was very intoxicated and acting belligerent. The student asked the officer where his cellphone was. The officer explained that the student that their phone was in their hand. The police were dispatched just a few hours later with reports that the same student was still acting up. Twice in one night, ouch.

**Drunk Dial**  
12/18/2011

Dispatch tracked an open-line 911 call to a residence hall. The 911 operator could hear two persons arguing in the background and talking about marijuana. The officer on dispatch briefly made contact with an uncooperative student who would not give proper ID or explain the circumstances behind the call. The obviously intoxicated student finally responded that they had "pocket dialed" 911. The student had no other explanation for their behavior. Next time you start drinking and chatting about illegal goods, keep your phone locked.

**School Theft Auto**  
12/29/2011

An officer located a stolen vehicle parked on a campus lot. The parking office had issued several outstanding tickets and when the vehicle's plates were checked, it came back stolen. Swabs of DNA were taken from the door, the steering wheel and the shift lever. The car was then towed away by the insurance company. Next time you attempt grand theft auto, don't park it in a school lot. And pay your darn tickets.

**Alarming Notes**  
01/04/2012

Over break, a car was reported with damage to the front passenger window. The owner was informed and the officer took several items for safekeeping. One such item was a note, "Fix your f---ing alarm a--hole."

**A Friend in Need**  
01/12/2012

A message board was torn off the door in one of the residence halls. When confronting the suspects, all initially denied the incident. Finally, one of the suspects took responsibility. The police officer met with that student again. The student stated it was their friend who stole the message board, but that they wouldn't admit it because their parent was a police officer. Talk about a great friend, taking the fall for someone else.





New Fireside Café is graphic intensive.

Matt Culbertson/Stoutonia

# Memorial Student Center gets a face lift

**Susan LoRusso**  
Staff Writer

“Something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue,” may not simply refer to a wedding ceremony anymore. After taking one step into the newly renovated Memorial Student Center (MSC), it seems that the old adage applies.

After being closed for over a year, the MSC reopened for business Sunday, Jan. 22.

“The plan was to open at 10 a.m., and we opened with about 40 seconds to spare,” said Director of the MSC Darrin Witucki. “We even had a line of seven or eight students huddled out in cold waiting to go in and explore everything.”

The doors revealed a contemporary open-concept, with natural light pouring in to the two-story facility’s 10,000 square feet of lounge space, new dining facilities and bookstore—all decorated in various shades of blue and brown.

Despite all of the new amenities, the MSC has several reminders from UW-Stout’s and the community’s past. Wood from the bowling alley is highlighted in the study lounge booths, brick torn down from the existing building was remolded, 1,500 tons of recycled concrete were repurposed and exterior columns and an exterior wall were constructed with sandstone from a local quarry.

“I love that they used the wood from the old bowling alley in the booths,” said junior Alyssa Quilling. “It looks good, and it is a reminder of what used to be here.”

The reality is that the heart of UW-Stout’s campus was closed for over a year and significant time and money was invested into the \$19 million project, so naturally students were curious to explore the renovation themselves.

“I really like the layout, it’s spacious and relaxed,” said Steve Nielson, a senior. “I’ve been here every day this week. I never hung out at the old MSC, but now I just study here in-between classes instead of going all the way back home.”

Kim Petersen said, “I never saw the old MSC, but I love the new one! I’m an interior design major, and I think they got everything right. I really like studying here and I can grab something to eat and relax.”

The MSC is not just a place to study; its own vision statement says it is “a place to grow, socialize, study, eat and have fun.” On the first Saturday night after the MSC’s opening, dozens of students were doing just that.

“I doubt I will study here, but I think it is a great place to hang-out with friends, and the food is really good,” said Michael Richter, an

engineering technology major, while enjoying a burger at the Fireside Café.

“I like how open it is. You can really see everywhere, and it is easy to meet-up with people. I think of the MSC as more of a social place now,” said sophomore Ethan Aschbrenner.

“It is really gratifying and surreal to see actual students using the MSC just as we had planned,” said Witucki.

Most students agree the MSC’s renovation is an improvement over the old building’s dark hallways, but the cost of the

project has not been forgotten.

“Spending so much money and raising tuition does make me wonder if it was really worth it, but I get it,” said Quilling. “It will attract attention from potential students and really leave an impression. I’m sure that is why it was done.”

“We actually got a lot for our money,” said Witucki. “Students can see where a lot of the money went, but there is also a lot they can’t see. There was a HVAC upgrade, almost all new plumbing, fire protection upgrades and a lot more. It will be a while before all the accounting is done, but we could easily come in half-a-million under budget.

“The food is really good!”

-Michael Richter

One of the personal touches brought to the Memorial Student Center is the MSC Super Graphic hanging from the ceiling in the second-story’s Fireside Café. The monochromatic installation is a 180 feet by 4 feet collage of historic, iconic and present day images of UW-Stout student life.

The mural’s imagery and design are the production of four Stout students: Tara Pichelmeyer, Ariel Kramer, Dan Thiede and Laura Larsen.

“It was extremely important to have this be a student-led project,” said Darrin Witucki, director of the MSC. “That was the only way to give this mural of student life real meaning.”

According to Witucki, the team started with 240,000 potential images from the last seven decades, which were eventually narrowed down to under 200 photos. The selected photographs are intended to capture student life throughout Stout’s history, including images from athletics, student organizations, classrooms, special events and everyday moments.

“We decided to put the graphic together like a piece of music,” said Thiede, a senior. “We wanted the end-result to be a visual symphony, creating different tones and emotions throughout the piece.”

The team’s challenge was to create a substantial graphic that would not be visually overwhelming. The images themselves have a seamless rhythm; overlapping and blending into one another. Yet, there is one image that may jump out to viewers.



Keeping toasty in the Fireside Café

Matt Culbertson/Stoutonia



# New grading system for the physics department

Jennifer Huynh  
Staff Writer

Last semester, Assistant Physics Professor Todd Zimmerman led a pilot class, graded according to the Standards Based Grading System, a non-traditional alternative to letter grades.

According to Patricia L. Scriffiny, a participant of ASCD.org for educational leaders, Standards Based Grading “involves measuring students’ proficiency on well-defined course objectives.”

Zimmerman’s results were largely positive. “I had the most number of A’s in one class,”

said Zimmerman, “However, it was not easy. There is a larger workload for me to grade, plus there were a lot of changes going through the first time.”

However, Zimmerman has revamped the Standards Based Grading System as the Learning Objectives Based Grading (LOBG) by setting limits for reassess-

ments and creating homework. According to the LOBG FAQ sheet, “LOBG is a different grading philosophy that emphasizes learning over accumulating points.” This semester with the

LOBG, Zimmerman hopes that the course will run more smoothly than his pilot class, which struggled through the changes.

This grading system is a solution for both educators and students,” said Zimmerman, “Many teachers complain that grades don’t mean anything—teachers can’t tell what their students know.”

This new grading system forces the student to learn the material in order to earn a higher grade. According to Ben Sonnek, a student in Zimmerman’s pilot class, “It forces you to learn the material. If you don’t learn it, you can’t pass the class.”

This system has a list of learning objectives—C-level and the advanced A-level objectives—and a student’s grade is determined by the number of objectives that he or she is proficient at. These objectives are presented through quizzes and tests on which students can earn marks of beginning, developing, proficient, or advanced. If a student did not pass

an assessment, the student can request a reassessment.

According to Scriffiny, “The crucial idea is to use a system that is not based on the inappro-

priate use of averages. The system must not allow students to mask their level of understanding with their attendance, their level of effort, or other peripheral issues.”

There are some downfalls to this new grading system. “It gets frustrating sometimes. Grading takes a long time, so it takes a month to figure out what needs to be reassessed,” said Austin Spaulding, another student in Zimmerman’s pilot class.

“It is more responsibility on the student, time devotion, and paperwork – but I think it is a good idea,” Shannon Strutz said.

“If I had a choice between both grading systems, I would choose the traditional method. If all my classes had this grading system, I would have the minimum credit load and never have time,” said Spaulding.

For both the students and educators, this new

grading system has pros and cons. Currently, the Physics Department is the only department to have implemented the new grading system. “If it works out this semester after the changes we have made, then the Physics Department will most likely keep it,” said Zimmerman.

As for other departments, the new system is in question. “I don’t think this grading system would work for other classes that are mainly discussion based or consist of projects,” said Sonnek. However, the Physics Department at UW-Stout may be at the forefront of a restructured grading system. “I hope that students will see this as a benefit for them, said Zimmerman. “It gives their grades more meaning and future employers will know what an ‘A’ means from UW-Stout.”

“The crucial idea is to use a system that is not based on the inappropriate use of averages. The system must not allow students to mask their level of understanding with their attendance, their level of effort, or other peripheral issues.”

—Patricia L. Scriffiny



Some items on display in the science wing (fire not included.)

Nate Eul/Stoutonia





Spotlight pose to emphasize the design.

Contributed Photo

# Pardon fashion show

**Claire Mathiowetz**  
Staff Writer

This February, fashion designers from University of Wisconsin-Stout and all over the Midwest are using their talents for a good cause. The designers are participating in the Pardon Fashion Show, an event that features innovative works of wearable art by designers and local artists. This year will be to benefit the Cammie Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The fund was established in 2009 and supports individuals with diabetes or who are pursuing a career in nursing. The Pardon Fashion Show will also support the CBJ to Kids

Camp Fund, which provides camp scholarships to those under the age of 19 who suffer from diabetes to allow them to learn all about their disease and now to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Mallory Cina and Raine Nimmer, co-directors of the fashion show, have made a few changes in the show's third year of operation. Previously, the event has taken place at the Raw Deal, but now will be held at a larger venue. This is also the first year that a men's wear line will be featured. While minor details about the event have changed, the reason that designers partake in the fashion show remains the same.

"I love that fashion is not just about clothing. It certainly is another form of art and

expression," said Cina. "I also love the fact that this show is also about the community. From donating to a local cause, to working with local designers, I really wanted to highlight how much talent this community has and be able to celebrate that."

The show works with artists not only interested in fashion, but in pottery, jewelry and other accessories. The art is made up of UW-Stout graduates and current student's work and also includes designers from Minneapolis, Milwaukee and Chicago.

"I do the show because it's a fun atmosphere and a chance to do something more experimental versus a class assignment. No

borders; you can do whatever you want and really express your point of view. My number one goal is to have fun and show a piece on the runway that I can be proud of," said designer Holly Schmidt.

The show will take place on Feb. 7 at Vision Quest in Menomonie. Doors open at 6 p.m. There will be a silent auction from 6-7 p.m. with the fashion show starting at 7:30 p.m. General admission is \$15 in advance. Tickets can be bought at Zanzibar. VIP admissions are \$30, which includes: front row seats, free drinks, appetizers, access to a VIP lounge and a personal wait staff.



Original concepts for some garments featured in the show.

Kang Chu Thao/Contributed Photo



# Plan B misconception

**Lauryn Seering**  
Editor-in-Chief

In our last issue of the Stoutonia, we included a paid pamphlet titled, "...And Justice For All..." which endorsed pro-life. Since this was included in our paper, I would like to clear up some misinformation provided in the pamphlet, specifically about the Plan B One-Step Emergency Contraceptive.

The pamphlet states, "EC works in three ways. First, it attempts to stop ovulation. Depending on when a woman is in her cycle, ovu-

lation may or may not have already occurred before EC was taken. Second, EC attempts to stop fertilization by impeding the transportation from sperm and the egg. Third, EC tries to stop implantation by thinning the lining of the uterus so the embryo cannot implant and receive nourishment from the mother. The first two methods are contraception, but if they fail, the third method can cause an abortion."

The last statement is one of the main fabrications within this pro-life pamphlet.

"This contraception does not kill a fetus," Nurse practitioner Laura Cragin said.

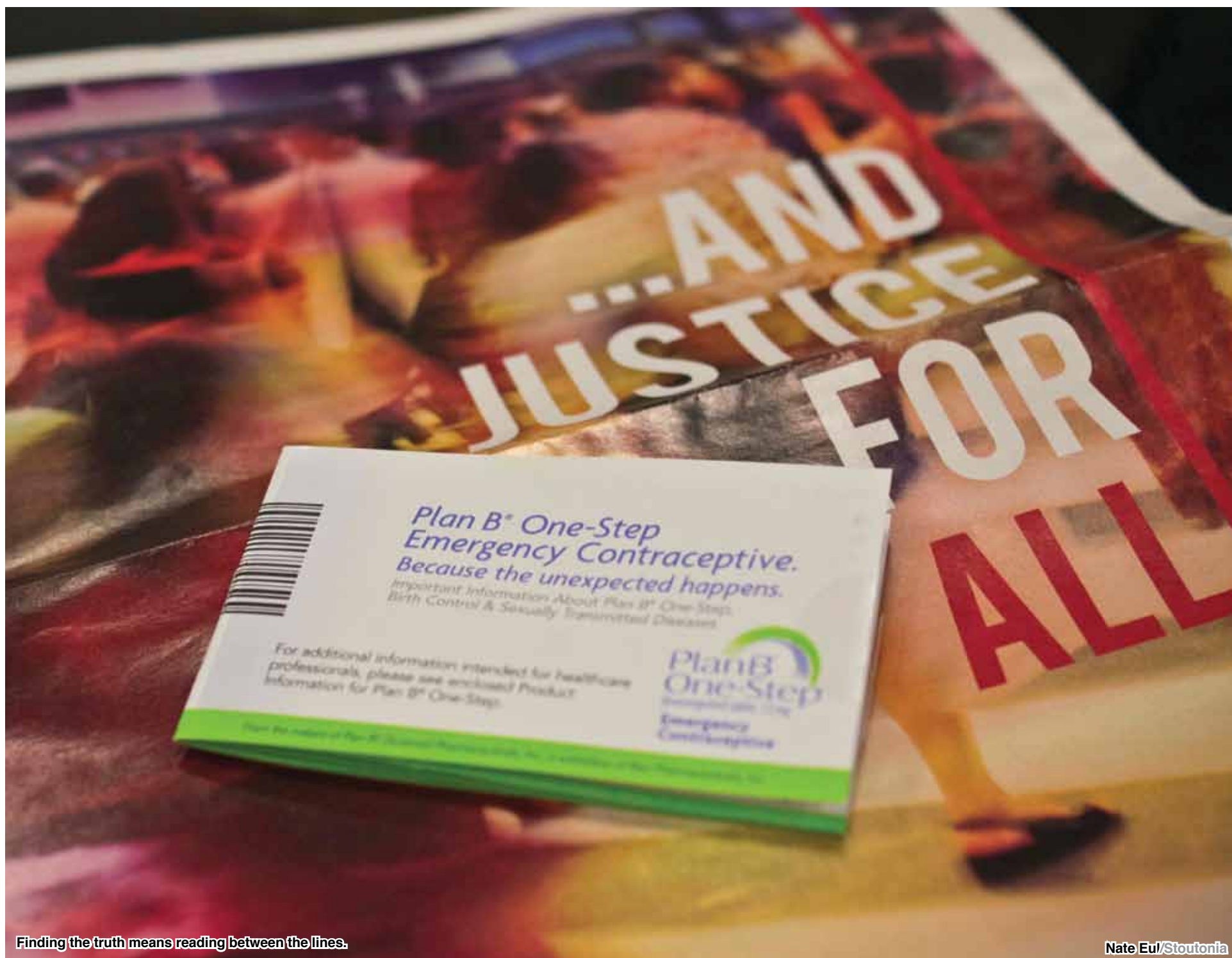
Student Health Services details, "EC's will not cause an abortion if a woman is already pregnant at the time she takes the pills. So, if a woman wants to prevent a pregnancy after sex she can use EC, but if she wants to terminate an unwanted pregnancy at an early stage, she can use Mifeprex/RU486. Mifeprex/RU486 is not available through the University of Wisconsin-Stout Student Health Services."

The directions included within Plan B clearly states, "Plan B One-Step will not work if you are already pregnant and will not affect an existing pregnancy. It should not be used as a

regular birth control."

Plan B is a safe method for those who had sex without birth control, birth control failure or a woman who has missed a pill. There is no pain outside of off periods, mild nausea and headaches. The minimum age for Plan B is 17 years old; while this fact remains controversial, there are many opportunities to pick it up otherwise.

In Menomonie alone, Student Health Services offers Plan B for \$15 and Walgreens sells it for \$50. The Dunn County Family Planning offers it for free, as does The Bridge to Hope.





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## Walker receives out-of-state donations

**Lauryl Seering**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

On January 17, 2012, as the Scott Walker recall effort reached its final days, United Wisconsin representatives toted thousands of boxes filled with over one million signatures. This effort made the Wisconsin recall the largest in United States history, which isn't fantastic, considering only two governors have ever been recalled. It's still the first time a governor in Wisconsin has been up for recall, however.

This is becoming one of the most polarizing issues in the state and students at the University of Wisconsin-Stout should also watch closely. Walker has said that the new tuition reciprocity agreement with Wisconsin and Minnesota makes college more "affordable" for Wisconsin residents. According to the Pulitzer Prize winning site Politi-Fact, this is a "Pants-on-Fire" lie. Since tuition is steadily rising each year, as each student can attest, college clearly isn't more affordable.

There were four recall posts in our little city of Menomonie, where volunteers braved the icy streets bearing signs and eagerly answering questions. Although the amount of signatures is well above the 540,208 needed for action, an election is still shaky.

Most who signed the recall may not vote in the election at all. Our state's Accountability

Board must now go through the arduous process of verifying names, deleting duplicates and erasing made-up aliases or out-of-state signatures. Many Republicans vow to search with a fine-toothed comb for flaws. This process could take up to three months.

After the names are tallied, and if the election resumes, the Democrats must now find a new candidate. Currently, only Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk is a declared Democratic candidate. Other potential candidates include Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, former Representative Dave Obey, and state Senator Tim Cullen.

Walker has also located a specific loophole to help him out. State election law says that donors can contribute money until petition signatures are verified, giving Walker plenty of time. Out-of-state donors have poured donations into his coffers, making the recall finances look like a penny-purse.

According to ABC News, Walker has received more than \$5 million—\$1 million of which was spent in the first month of the recall. Walker focused primarily on television ads.

"At some point, no amount of money can buy back trust once lost," Falk said in an interview with the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. "One million citizens just gave him a report card last week and that report card says Gov. Scott Walker has failed."

Despite the fact that Walker has slammed out-of-state donations for recall efforts, he appears complacent when receiving and spending money for his own cause.

Due to Walker's controversial collective bargaining initiative and voter ID laws, protestors are found at his various statewide speeches. Many opponents are furious, often stating that they would not have voted for him if he had mentioned collective bargaining before the election.

According to the Chicago Tribune, Walker has not made good on many of his initial promises. "Central to Walker's approach was his pledge that it would lead to the creation of 250,000 jobs by the end of his four-year term.

So far, however, growth under Walker has been anemic, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics."

Yet supporters for Walker are shaking their heads in dismay. According to Ben Sparks, a Wisconsin GOP spokesman, "The Democrats are forcing this completely baseless and expensive recall on Wisconsin families. Basically, this entire recall effort...is largely fueled by out-of-state liberal interests."

Walker supporters have also recorded a hymn, "We will stand with Governor Walker, because he does what he says; not just a big fancy talker."

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# Finding an awesome summer internship

**Jerad Maplethorpe**  
Opinions Editor

The United States currently has more than 14 million students enrolled in some form of higher education, accounting for roughly five percent of the total population. In other words: you have a lot of competition. This means that if you want something more than a mediocre internship, you'll have to put in a little effort.

## **Tailor your resume and cover letter for each position**

It would be great if a single resume or cover letter could summarize your qualifications for every job you applied to, but unfortunately, that isn't going to work. What you need to do is match your qualifications with those required by the position. Don't stretch the truth, but consider carefully how you word statements.

Be specific with your qualifications and try to use quantitative data over qualitative data. For example, instead of me stating that I am a "superb communicator and excellent writer" I would want to state that I've "helped develop more than twenty issues of the Stoutonia and have written one or more articles per publication." By making quantitative statements, you gain leverage over applicants that are broader in their assertions.

## **Understand the importance of conciseness**

Imagine that you're the one doing the hiring and you have a stack of resumes on your desk; are you going to slowly inspect each candidate's resume, or are you going to quickly narrow the list down to the few that you want to end up interviewing? In a typical situation, it's the latter.

Because of a company's usual propensity to slash-and-burn through piles of resumes, you want to get your point across quickly, namely that you're qualified and want an interview. To do so, don't include information on your resume that doesn't pertain to the position you're applying to. More importantly, keep your cover letter short and to the point. If it meanders from topic to topic, you may lose the hiring manager's attention.

## **Don't lie, but be confident and aggressive**

Applying for internships often leads to the inevitable: rejection. Despite the downturn in the economy, there are good opportunities out there; they just take more work to find and obtain. Because of this, each cover letter you send should be exquisitely crafted to the point where an employer would feel excited to have you join the company. Again, you don't want to stretch the truth, but you do want to come off as very confident about your skills. Make sure you're concentrating on what you can do for them, as opposed to what they can do for you.

## **Don't restrict yourself to internship websites**

Landing an internship isn't a point-and-click operation, as many online internship search engines would have you believe. These websites may make it easy for you to apply, but that's how they make money. The more us-

ers, the more money they make. (The sidebar includes the few internship search engines that I would recommend.)

Instead of relying on these websites, try contacting companies that you're interested in interning with directly. That is, go to their contact page and write to one of the managers. Not only are you much more likely to get a response, but you also make a lasting impression, one that is sure to benefit you in the interviewing process.

About a year ago, I wrote to the editor of the Reykjavik Grapevine, an English travel magazine in Iceland, inquiring about a summer internship. To my surprise, he wrote back to me with some information and a short application to complete. I ended up getting an internship with the company, which was scheduled for this summer, but had to cancel due to financial restraints (I came to find out it is one expensive place).

The point is that you should get creative and try to connect with people on a personal level. After all, it is ultimately a person that decides whether or not you'll be accepted. Oh, and don't forget to start searching now. The good ones seem to fill up the quickest.

## **Internmatch.com:**

This website is constantly updating their internship inventory and, as far as I've noticed, doesn't have any "spam" positions posted. It also makes it easy for you to save multiple versions of your resume for different positions.

## **Idealist.org:**

Idealist.org offers a wide variety of internships in the United States and abroad. This website is certainly worth checking out.

## **Youturn.com:**

If you have an entrepreneurial mindset and desire an internship that challenges you in multiple roles, you'll want to take a jaunt over to youturn.com. This website's objective is to place you in an environment that allows you to grow alongside the host company.

## **Thesca.org:**

The Student Conservation Association (SCA) focuses on protecting and restoring national parks, marine sanctuaries, cultural landmarks and community green spaces in all 50 states. If this is your sort of thing, make sure to apply!

## Letter to the Editor

Executive Director of Enrollment Services Pamela Holsinger-Fuchs

I wanted to write to you regarding your article in the Stoutonia titled "UW-Stout Budget and Registration Fiasco" to ask that you put a correction in a future issue. You state: "the amount of classes being offered by University of Wisconsin-Stout has decreased considerably, to the point where students like myself may have to stay an extra semester or two to be able to graduate."

I oversee the Registration and Records area and, actually, the courses for this spring increased by four percent. The breakdown below came from our registrar: "We have 57 more sections on the books than we did for Spring 2011, which would be a four

percent increase year over year: Spring 2011 (1376), Spring 2012 (1433)."

We are all very concerned about the budget cuts to our University of Wisconsin system, but the Chancellor has been very clear that we will not cut our academic program integrity and will work to be sure that students can graduate in a timely manner. I am not sure if you know that we have a four-year contract that we will sign with students to guarantee that they will graduate within that time frame.

When incorrect information is shared, students may make decisions that are not based on fact, but on misinformation about their futures.

## UNIVERSITY THEATRE AUDITIONS

### ***Cabaret – the musical***

Directed by Paul Calenberg

**WHEN:** Monday February 13th @ 4:00 pm

Or

Monday February 13th @ 7:00 pm

**WHERE:** Harvey Hall Theatre (Harvey 118)

**WHO:** The Entire Stout Community is Welcome

**WHAT:** Audition!

All audition materials will be provided.  
Those auditioning will be given a reading,  
taught a song and a dance combination.

\*Non-singing roles available.

**ROLES:** 8 Male

8 Female

**REHEARSALS BEGIN:** Monday February 20th

Rehearsals will not run over Spring Break

**PERFORMANCE DATES:** April 13, 14, 19, 20, 21



# Who's the next mayor!?

**Jerad Maplethorpe**

*Opinions Editor*

For the first time in the history of the city, four candidates are vying to become the mayor of Menomonie: Randy Knaack (the current mayor), Dennis Kropp, Mary Solberg and Clark Smith. Combined, they have been in Menomonie for 195 years, making the average 48.75 years per candidate. Regardless of who is elected, the citizens of Menomonie will have a mayor who understands the city quite well.

On Jan. 31, I attended a public forum that featured each of the mayoral hopefuls. To my surprise, the event produced a significantly large crowd- one that filled an entire Chippewa Valley Technical College classroom- where the forum was held. My expectation was that the discussion to ensue would be more sleep-inducing than those crappy over-the-counter sleeping pills, but many of the topics actually had to deal with issues that University of Wisconsin-Stout students would be interested learning about. (Unfortunately, I was probably only one of four people in attendance under the age of 40.)

## Alcohol

"We've seem to lost control of teaching our youth that it's dangerous to over-drink," said

Mayor Knaack. "I think education at home is what we're lacking when it comes to alcohol."

Mayor Knaack also stated that he was "concerned that college students aren't going downtown to the bars as much anymore and instead are having house parties." This comment received a gasp from the lady sitting next to me, but I thought his point was sound: if you can't stop people from drinking, you might as well have them in a controlled environment.

Dennis Kropp's approach was much more authoritarian. His plan involved sending police officers into the bars to search for underage drinkers. Personally, I find it annoying and intrusive when police officers are sent into bars to wade through the crowds in search of underagers. The end result is more money spent on an ineffective method of enforcement; these officers should be out on the streets where the actual problems occur.

Kropp also said that the drink specials and happy hours bother him. "We have enough bars downtown," he added in rebuttal.

If I were mayor, I would (choose to) combine Mayor Knaack's logic with Solberg's proposed solution. "I have a big problem with the underage drinkers getting into the bars with fake IDs," said Solberg. "They maybe get caught, but the bars get punished just as much."

Solberg said that she would like to see harsh-

er punishments for underagers that sneak into the bars. Businesses face devastating consequences if charged with serving an underage drinker, including a possible short-term suspension of their liquor license. Solberg believes that this needs to be balanced out, as it isn't fair punishment when both parties are at fault.

"We need to continue to study it and work with all of the agencies," said Smith on the topic of alcohol. "I am not opposed to alcohol consumption, but I am opposed to irresponsible alcohol consumption. I am opposed to bars over-serving."

While Smith took the conservative approach, he noted that Menomonie has one liquor outlet per 320 people, whereas the national average is one per 1,500 people.

## Other issues

Sure, alcohol abuse is a major issue, but there are other issues too. For example, the Leever's spot- that sits undeveloped- was a huge focal point to Mayor Knaack's opponents. Former Mayor Kropp said that developing that spot "would bring more people downtown." Smith even specifically noted that "it would have produced a minimum of \$19 million" for the city of Menomonie.

Sounds great, right? Maybe, but apparently there were still some kinks to work out, such as the development being 28 parking spots

short of accounting for the residential capacity. Because of this, the mayor had asked for a two-week extension to resolve any remaining issues, but was overridden by the city council.

The issue of parking downtown came up too, but none of the candidates really had an answer.

Mayor Knaack mentioned that there were conversations of turning the Leever's lot into a two or three-layer parking garage, but specific details weren't mentioned. He did, however, say that adding a public restroom downtown would help enhance the area (Clark Smith agreed with his observation).

The other candidates seemed to brush the parking problem off as an issue that couldn't, or wouldn't, be easily resolved. Smith said "we're kind of caught between the devil and the deep blue sea" when it comes to parking. This may be true, but I'm sure something can be done to increase the area's parking spots, especially if Menomonie is to become a big tourist destination, as the candidates seemed thrilled about accomplishing.

Which candidate should become the next mayor? That's not for me to say, but, if you care about the Menomonie area and its citizens, you should take some time to check each candidate out and vote. This is a great city, and I doubt any of the mayoral hopefuls would change that.



Matt Culbertson/Stoutonia

## Clark Smith

Age: 72

Born in Warsaw, Ind.

44 Years in Menomonie

Retired educator & business owner

Experience: Menomonie City Council, 9 years; on 9 city and county commissions and boards



Matt Culbertson/Stoutonia

## Dennis Kropp

Age: 69

Born in Fairmont, Minn.

42 years in Menomonie

Retired elementary school teacher of 32 years

Experience: City plan commission, 30 years; Menomonie City Council member, 10 years; Mayor of Menomonie, 12 years



## Mary Solberg

Age: 58

Born in Milwaukee, Wis.

58 years in Menomonie

Experience: County Board Supervisor since 2006, Ward 8 Alderperson since 2009, served on 3 city commissions/committees



## Randy Knaack

Age: 51

Born in Menomonie, Wis.

51 years in Menomonie

Owns: Knaack Advertising, since 1980

Experience: Mayor, 2 years; Menomonie School Board, 6 years



# 12 Potential Signs of the UW-Stout Apocalypse

**Lauryn Seering**  
Editor-in-Chief

12. You will find a parking enforcement officer ticketing your car. They will happily say you're not getting ticketed. The parking official will smile and be cheerful as they prance away.

11. Chancellor Sorensen will inform the campus that drinking is no longer seen as the University of Wisconsin-Stout's primary problem; he will instead focus on reducing tuition.

10. You will get your textbooks without waiting in line. It will only take five minutes.

9. UW-Stout will issue up to three snow days.

8. You won't biff it down the sidewalks this year, even amidst the slush and snow.

7. That class you heard was incredibly difficult? The professor will take a distinct liking to you and your classmates. That professor will announce that you are the best class ever and that when the weather gets nice you should have class outdoors.

6. In your hardest class, when the majority of students fail a test, the professor joyfully tells you not to worry because you were graded on a curve. You will all receive an A.

5. You will not need to reimage your computer at all. It will work smoothly and efficiently without fail.

4. You will be on time for every class, prepared with all your homework and you will never miss an 8 a.m. You will be wide-awake and attentive during these classes.

3. Your class will always coincide with the muffin ladies. You will always get your free muffin.

2. You accidentally leave your bike unlocked during a long class. When you return, your bike will (miraculously) still be there.

1. Out with your friends at a small party, cops stop by. You are on the verge of a drinking ticket, when the officer chuckles to himself and tell you, "Whatever, you guys are being quiet and not offending anyone. I'll leave you be."



Happy parking attendant.....Weird?

Lenn Soderlund/Stoutonia



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1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	\$425	\$425	Nice efficiency, <b>includes utilities, parking</b> , close to campus	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	\$425	\$425	Efficiency, <b>includes utilities &amp; parking</b> , close to campus	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street E #4	\$425	\$425	Studio, <b>includes WSG, heat &amp; parking</b> , great location	A
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1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street E #5	\$445	\$445	Studio, <b>includes WSG, heat &amp; parking</b> , close to campus	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street E #1	\$455	\$455	Great location with <b>parking, includes WSG &amp; heat</b>	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street E #6	\$485	\$485	Nice, large apt incl. <b>WSG &amp; heat</b> , close to campus, <b>parking</b>	A
1	1	333 1/2 Main Street #1	\$495	\$495	Large, desirable downtown apt, <b>includes WSG &amp; heat</b>	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	\$555	\$555	Fantastic apartment, <b>includes utilities &amp; parking</b>	8
2	1	113 West Main Street	\$365	\$183	Close to campus and downtown, some upgrades	3
2	1	1803 1/2 7th Street E	\$460	\$230	Nice apartment, new carpet, <b>washer/dryer, parking</b>	D
2	1	619 13th Avenue E	\$475	\$238	<b>Incl. heat, WSG, hot water</b> , excellent location w/ parking	4
2	1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	\$475	\$238	Nice apt, across from campus, <b>washer/dryer, parking</b>	D
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #1	\$560	\$280	Cute apt, private entrance, <b>parking, heat, WSG &amp; HW incl.</b>	6
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #6	\$570	\$285	Great apt, new shower, <b>parking, WSG, HW &amp; heat included</b>	6
4	1	1120 15th Avenue E	\$650	\$163	Good-sized rooms, <b>washer/dryer, off-street parking</b>	D
4	1	1606 10th Street E	\$650	\$163	<b>New flooring &amp; appliances</b> , fresh paint, W/D hook-ups, <b>parking</b>	H
4	1	1508 10th Street E	\$650	\$163	Nice layout, new flooring, washer/dryer hook-ups, <b>parking</b>	H
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue West	\$820	\$205	Nice & spacious apartments, <b>washer/dryer in unit, A/C, parking</b>	8
4	1	1215 10th Street E	\$800	\$200	3-season porch, built-ins, <b>W/D, storage, garage</b> , large yard	H
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue West	\$1,060	\$265	<b>Includes utilities!</b> Nice, spacious units, <b>W/D, A/C, parking</b>	8
5	2	1803 7th Street E	\$1,200	\$240	Large house, spacious, detached garage, washer and dryer	D
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5	2	1708 6th Street E Apt B	\$1,275	\$275	Fabulous apt, <b>W/D, large rooms, parking</b> , has everything!	D
6	2	1402 8th Street E	\$850	\$142	Corner lot, <b>washer/dryer, off-street parking</b> , full basement	H
7	2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,295	\$185	Large house, <b>washer/dryer, parking</b> , 1 block from campus	H
7	3	1803 7th Street E	\$1,600	\$229	Big house, <b>2 W/D, dishwasher, 2 HUGE bedrooms, garage</b>	H
10	3	1609 6th Street E	\$1,600	\$160	Recently remodeled, 2 living rooms, good location, <b>parking</b>	H

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# Optimists light up the sky

Andrew Schneider  
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Optimist Club hosted a bonfire at Hoffman Hills the night of Jan. 28. Before the bonfire started, a local man performed a short Native American ceremony. Next, two massive piles of brush were lit by a Department of Natural Resources officer. The fires took some coaxing to get started but were soon blazing and illuminated the surrounding woods. The group of people backed up further and further as it grew. Hot chocolate and snacks were supplied by the Optimist Club. The next bonfire will be held Feb. 25. Check Campus Life Today for updates as the date nears.

## Be prepared for the next bonfire on February 25th

- Learn where Hoffman Hill is.
- Bring warm boots with warm socks (no tennis shoes).
- Wear warm clothes that can easily be shed or opened. When the fire gets started, you might want to remove a layer or two.
- Don't wear your nicest jacket. There are a lot of burning embers that fall from the sky that might burn a hole in your coat.



Optimist Club and friends enjoy enormous bonfires

Andrew Schneider/Stoutonia



# RioReview

Jeff Gebert  
Staff Writer

"Rio" is an animated rollercoaster of a movie, and even though there's no mention of the song by Duran Duran, it's still worth a watch.

The plot centers around the character Linda and her pet bird Blu (voiced by Jesse Eisenberg). It is discovered that Blu is an incredibly rare breed of Blue Macaw and the two fly to Rio de Janeiro to try and bring Blu and the last female Blue Macaw, Jewel (voiced by Anne Hathaway), together. Will.i.am, Jamie Foxx and George Lopez also lend their voices to some of the various birds that star in the movie.

Arguably the best part about the movie is simply the way it looks. The characters are colorful and the scenes where some of the birds are flying over the mountains and jungle look really cool. In 3-D or on Blu-ray, this movie would look especially amazing. The city of Rio de Janeiro colorful with something always going on and the scene at Carnival looks phenomenal.

Something to note about this film is that it's a musical. Being a fan of classic Disney movies, it's refreshing to see an animated movie sport a few catchy songs. I was especially pleased when the main villain, a demented cockatoo, sang his song, because I love me a good villain song.

The only real drawback of "Rio" is that it doesn't really offer anything incredibly unique in terms of plot. It follows the standard "fish out of water, I don't like you, you don't like me, but we have to work together anyways" plot line. There were parts when I could pretty much tell what was going to happen next.

"Rio" is a fun movie from start to finish. It

looks great, the characters are fun and memorable, and the songs are good. Unfortunately, the plot is nothing special. If you love animation like I do, "Rio" will definitely entertain you. "Rio" is now available on DVD and Blu-ray.



## ALUMNI IN THE NEWS!

Some of the character design in "Rio" was done by University of Wisconsin-Stout alumnus, Jason Sadler. According to Sadler's blog ([www.sadlerish.com](http://www.sadlerish.com)), "I was involved in the design of the following: Tulio, Linda, the marmosets (monkeys), the baby version of Blu, the spoonbill, the egret, the Canadian goose, the songbirds, the carnival costumes and the end credit graphics."



## Color Me!





# Mario Kart 7

Jeff Gebert  
Staff Writer

Everyone's favorite red-capped Italian plumber makes his Nintendo 3DS racing debut with "Mario Kart 7."

"Mario Kart 7" doesn't drift too far from its previous installments (no pun intended), but it still manages to add enough material to make this game a new experience. Players choose a character and kart, and race around a track three times trying to cross the finish line before their competitors, all while picking up and using items to help them win.

This version still has the Grand Prix, Time Trials and Battle Mode, but this time there is also the inclusion of gliders and propellers. The gliders allow your kart to take to the skies, maneuvering around obstacles and over dangers and the propeller allows you to drive underwater. Both are great additions and add new elements to your Mario Kart strategy.

The coins have also made their triumphant return from "Super Mario Kart" on the Super Nintendo Entertainment System (SNES) and "Mario Kart: Super Circuit" on the Game Boy Advance (GBA). Every coin you get, until you max out at 10, makes your kart a little faster.

Also new to the series is the ability to customize your kart. You get to choose a body, tires, and a glider, which can make for some pretty insane vehicles. For example, my current kart is a train body with sponge wheels and a bat-shaped parachute. And while I don't understand how sponge provides sufficient torque to move a car, it's worked out pretty well so far. The game starts you off with only a couple of available parts, but you can unlock more as you collect more coins. Seeing as you

can only earn 10 coins per race, and there are parts that require thousands of coins, you'll be playing for a long time to unlock them all.

Since the game is released on the 3DS, it supports 3-D visuals. The 3-D does a decent job of looking good while not distracting from the game play, but isn't anything as amazing as "Super Mario 3D Land." If you decide to use the 3DS's gyro controls and tilt the system around to steer, the 3-D will not work too well for you. The music also isn't that great this time around, only offering a few memorable tunes.

"Mario Kart 7" brings 32 race tracks to the table: 16 new and 16 of the greatest tracks from the past six games. The new tracks are entertaining and are a welcomed addition to the series roster. Nintendo picked some of the greatest choices for the retro tracks, and some of my absolute favorites have made it back for "Mario Kart 7." The game offers 17 characters to play as, such as bizarre newcomers Metal Mario, Lakitu and Wiggler. While I'm glad Nintendo gave us some new characters, I can't imagine anyone was really pushing for the Honey Queen from "Mario Galaxy" to make it in.

Multiplayer is better than it has ever been. You can either play locally with a friend or play people online using Nintendo Wi-fi Connection; the online play works great. I experienced little lag and was always able to find a match quickly.

"Mario Kart 7" is a must buy if you own a 3DS. I've raced hundreds of races and am not even close to being bored with it yet. I really hope Nintendo supports this title with downloadable content, such as new stages or characters. If you're walking around campus with your 3DS in sleep mode and get StreetPass data from someone named Jeff, be prepared to feel the wrath of my sponge-wheeled train.



## Spotted in Menomonie



Even in the cold, bike riders are finding ways to "pop a wheelie."

## End of the World Word Search

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# WOES OF A FASHION MAJOR

**Lauryn Seering**  
Editor-in-Chief

There are many arduous and highly specific majors on our campus; this is one of the many things that make the University of Wisconsin-Stout so unique. One particular major is often considered impossibly difficult: Apparel Design and Development.

The Apparel Design and Development program here at UW-Stout is world-renowned. According to Professor Courtney Danielson, UW-Stout was the very first school in the country to start training Technical Designers. Tech Designers, as they are called, aren't mandatory, because most companies outsource to overseas, but they help designers immensely. The work that they and other students undertake is no walk in the park.

"The lack of sleep gets to you," said Shelby Koser, a second year student in the major. "And no matter how much you don't procrastinate, you are still up all night finishing something. It's really hard work, but what doesn't kill you makes you stronger. I struggle with construction and sewing; also patterns aren't easy.

that it was just going to get harder."

"I don't like how busy it gets," said Jessica Koch, a third year student said while pulling thread through muslin. "Like how I'm doing homework right now. We have to have our fabric prepared before class starts. I feel like we can't have the total college experience. Every-

year student. "One teacher will tell you one thing, another the exact opposite. Art based majors have a lot of opinions. Critiques in every class are hard. I hate how you are always comparing yourself. It makes some students very anxious. You think you did a good job but then you didn't."

students look forward to this show.

"I think my favorite moment ever in the major was last year at the fashion show," said Anderson. "On the first day, when the models hit the runway, I realized how much I love my major. Creating that and seeing what I'm going to do in the major is what keeps me going."



Shelby Koser's designs.

Once I graduate, I'm going to be much more prepped."

According to several students, the Apparel Design and Development program often starts with around 100 students per introductory class. By the first semester, this number drops to 60. By the middle half of that semester, the number wanes to 40 and continues to slowly drop. Stress, among other things, is often a factor for changing majors. Students often switch to the Retail Merchandising and Development program. Since many dream of working in the fashion industry, it's an obvious choice.

"I couldn't handle it," Caitlin Langfeldt said. "The first semester was so hard, and I realized

**"You have to be a little bit crazy and dedicated to be in our major"**

-Shelby Koser

one is jealous of how much sleep my friends who are not in the major get. It's sad that the thing I most enjoyed about break was sleeping. It's just sleeping."

"Two different teachers can teach the same class, but you will get something totally different out of it," said Danielle Anderson, a third

"It's not easy to graduate in four years," said Koser. "It can be done, but it's not easy."

"There are days when I love my major and what we are doing, and there are days when I'm breaking down crying," said Anderson. "You wonder what you are doing, and it's like a crappy relationship. You love the person, but you hate them too."

The most difficult course for these students is often Computer-Aided Design (CAD). CAD is a technical course where students learn to draw flat images and make people into boards using Adobe Creative Suite.

"The class is often in a group setting, which can also be tedious," said Anderson.

"When all students in a group are frantically busy, matching schedules is practically impossible."

However the more difficult something is, the greater the reward.

"You are able to be creative," Koser said. "It's cool to see your designs come to life. You have to love it, because of how rigorous the program is. I think it's a good program and all of the students in it are extremely close. Everyone is a friend because you all go crazy together. We are all sleep deprived together."

Each year, the apparel students put on the Silhouettes Fashion Show. Even freshman are allowed to submit one garment. Most Apparel

"I love our senior show," said Koch. "I like to see my stuff up there because it surprised me. I felt like I couldn't do it- but I can, and I did. When I got my swimsuit in there, I was really proud. It made me realize that I'm actually doing something, not just reading a book."

And all this hard work isn't for nothing; according to the UW-Stout site, employment of 2009-10 graduates was 100 percent and beginning salaries for graduates ranged from \$25,000 to \$60,000.

"You have to be a little bit crazy and dedicated to be in our major," said Koser.

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# 18 entertainment

## BEHIND THE SCENES, The Terrace

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Rose Meier  
Entertainment Editor

The new performance space in the Terrace of the Memorial Student Center (MSC) came to life with its first performance on Thursday Jan. 26.

Members of Event Services (ES) and Blue Devil Productions (BDP) and MSC staff worked hard to get the space ready for the evening's performance.

"This is our first time doing a full performance in the space," said Vinny VandenPlas, ES staff member and BDP Music Director. "So we're here early today with a larger crew to be ready for when the performer arrives."

"The MSC has been remarkably designed. Now we just have to put on a rockin' show!"

-Darrin Witucki

For each Thursday night show sponsored by BDP, ES sets up and takes down the necessary equipment to run the show instead of leaving the equipment fixed to the room.

"We don't want to detract from the room décor and we want the staff members to learn how to set up the equipment and troubleshoot potential problems," said VandenPlas.

In reaction to a lighting problem, ES placed the color lights on the floor instead of the hanging beam.

"The colored lights were supposed to hang on the beam, but we ran into a problem," said Maddy Settle, an ES staff member. "The system needs maintenance and will be ready for next weeks show."

Darrin Witucki, MSC director, gazed upon the Terrace with admiration as he explained the new features of the space.

"I think tonight will set the stage for future performances," said Witucki. "We've done the ground work—the MSC has been remarkably designed. Now we just have to put on a rockin' show."

New features to the performance space include audio/video (AV) ports, acoustically treated décor to prevent sound feedback, anchor points for speakers and beams for lighting. One anchor point can hold seven times the weight of an Event Services' speaker—supporting approximately 3,500 pounds.

What else is in store for the renovated MSC facilities?

"There's still some secrets," said Witucki. "We might be adding things in the future."

The new MSC's first performers were Pat Brown with opener Forever in the Clear. Watch for future performances in the MSC Terrace.



Pat Brown performing at the MSC.



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Maddy Settle, member of Event Services, works to get the MSC ready for the show.



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# Slicing the ice with Stout's Women's Figure Skating Club

**Kelsey Penrod**  
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It began in prehistoric times; an ancient sport of intricate moves, grace and athleticism. Many do not know the history behind the sport, but figure skating has been a popular pastime since its beginnings. Originally, blades were made from animal bone in places such as Russia, Scandinavia, Great Britain, Germany and Switzerland. Today, the sport has come a long way but still maintains its popularity. The women's figure skating club at the University of Wisconsin-Stout celebrates this long-lived sport, bringing together new friendships and a love for the ice.

At the beginning of October, UW-Stout's figure skating club begins practice in preparation for their group show, the first Friday of March. All 13 women practice their routines every Tuesday night at the Dunn County Ice Arena. President Kelsie Suppes is one of the members who also practices for outside competitions.

"Only a few girls in the club do competitions. Most are just here for the fun and to show off their skills at the end of the year skating show."

A senior at UW-Stout, majoring in early childhood education, Suppes has been skating for a total of eleven years. "It was the one thing that really interested me, besides dance," said Suppes.

Former club member, Kelly Madden expressed that the club was fun and had helped her stay connected to the sport. "My grandpa got me into skating," said Madden, "and since then it really stuck." Madden is an interior design major here at UW-Stout. As a graduating senior, Madden decided to focus on her studies for this club's season.

Like Madden, most of the members used to skate in high school. This club allows them to continue practicing the sport as well as making new friends. "The club is a blast," said Suppes, "We have pizza parties and all the girls are fun to skate with. It helps that the club is small, because we stay a tight knit group."

One aspect of the sport that the club wishes to get into is synchronized skating. This type of skating has grown rapidly in popularity over the past decade. A team sport, synchronized skating is made up of 8-20 skaters who perform a routine together. It is characterized by speed, intricate formations, and challenging step sequences. "Next year we hope to have synchronized skating in the program," said Suppes, "As well as compete in some local competitions."

UW-Stout's women's figure skating club is open to new members. One can join at any time throughout the year and members must provide their own skates. For more information, please contact Kelsie Suppes at [figureskating@uw-stout.edu](mailto:figureskating@uw-stout.edu).



Women's Figure Skating Club.

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The ladies posing on the rink.

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What 2  
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## ■ February 3rd:

- Men's Hockey at UW-Eau Claire @ 7 p.m.
- WGYM at Gershon Invitational 6:30 p.m.

## ■ February 4th:

- Women's Basketball at UW-Platteville @ 4 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at UW-Platteville @ 6 p.m.
- Men's Hockey vs UW-River Falls @ 7:30 p.m.
- Men's Track and Field at Pointer Open @ 10:30 a.m.
- Women's Track and Field at Pointer Open @ 10:30 a.m.

## ■ February 8th:

- Women's Basketball at UW-La Crosse @ 7 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at UW-La Crosse @ 7 p.m.

## ■ February 10th:

- Men's Hockey at St. Norbert College @ 7 p.m.
- Men's Track and Field at UWRF Brooks Classic @ 3 p.m.
- Women's Track and Field at UWRF Brooks Classic @ 3 p.m.

Women's Gymnastics at Illinois State University w/Seattle Pacific, Temple @ 7 p.m.

# No snow, no problem for the Stout Ski and Snowboard Club

Kou Yang  
Staff Writer

This winter's snowfall in Wisconsin has been like a bad relationship- on again, off again- and for skiers and snowboarders, finding time to go out has been difficult. So begs the question, why not join the University of Wisconsin-Stout Ski and Snowboard Club?

The club is the largest sports club on campus with more than 100 members and as many as 50 to 60 members may go on one trip. Jake Holtz, club president and a senior from Muskego, Wis., was a freshman when he joined.

"I remember getting on the bus and I didn't know a single person, and by the time we came home on that first trip they're still my friends that I talk to all the time," said Holtz.

There are four levels of membership: bronze, silver, gold, and platinum. Bronze level membership is \$135 and includes seven day trips and one overnight trip. Silver and gold level memberships are \$170 each and include two overnight trips and eight trips total. Platinum

level membership is \$200 and includes nine trips including the three overnight trips.

While the deadline for membership sign-up has passed, however, the club is still accepting members; depending on what trips you want to go on and how many trips are left, the fee will be adjusted for new members.

"It's definitely the best deal you can get. If you're a snowboarder or skier you'll never get to do it for this cheap," said Holtz. "For the trips at the platinum level, it would be around \$1,300-\$1,400 to go on all the trips if you were to go alone."

The membership fees are so inexpensive thanks to efforts in fundraising.

"Each member is required to sell shirts, but a different amount depending on the membership level," said Holtz. The club also sells decals for cars and stickers for snowboards.

UW-Stout also plays a big role with the funding. "UW-Stout helps us out a lot and we're very grateful for that because without them we wouldn't be able to do what we're doing. In return, since we're such a big club, we get people actively involved," said Holtz.

The purpose for joining the club is strictly recreational; however, there is an annual trick competition in which the club participates in as a sponsor, the Rail Jam. This year the competition will be held on Saturday Feb. 11 hosted by the Dunn County SnowPark and is open to anyone that wants to come.

"We get a lot of local businesses around town that sponsor the event by giving out gift cards," Holtz said. "Normally, we have enough prizes that everyone who comes ends up leaving with a prize." More information on the Rail Jam can be found at <http://www.dcsnowpark.com> and six to eight to fully recover from anemia. For Koss, she noticed a difference just three weeks after she changed her lifestyle, "I have more energy and it's been helping me quite a bit."

"They put in so much time; it's hard to see them not perform where they need to," Schauf said.

With dedication and a health-conscious lifestyle, Koss and her teammates can eliminate the restrictions of iron deficiency and reach their goals.



Ski and Snowboard Club with snow on the ground. Stupid global warming and the end of the world.

Layne Pitt/UW-Stout Athletics



# Increasing iron levels

**Julie Randle**

*Contributing Writer*

Collegiate running is a true test of self. During the heat of racing, the only thing that matters between the start and finish line is the runner and the mental battle to never slow down. But, what if these runners were fighting another battle? Most of them are, including University of Wisconsin-Stout freshman MacKenzie "Mac" Koss.

This spunky young brunette sipped her water bottle labeled "Mac-Attack" as she sat in her dorm room and described her battle with anemia, a form of iron deficiency. Koss is one of 14 UW-Stout cross-country girls who had their iron tested this fall. All had sub-optimal iron levels, and about 60 percent were iron deficient; Koss was the lowest of all her teammates.

Koss learned about her iron deficiency through UW-Stout's proactive initiative to test the female cross-country team.

"I think any proactive step, whether it is acted upon by those hearing it or not, is always a good step," said Matthew Schauf, head coach of the UW-Stout cross-country team.

If action is taken by the athletes to raise their iron, the results can improve their performance. Schauf said, "A one-point increase in hemoglobin, a key indicator of the amount of iron in the blood, can improve performance by up to 3 percent. In a 5 km race this could drop 30 seconds of your time. This can be the difference between medaling at conference and going to nationals."

Koss and other competitive female distance runners are at the greatest risk for developing this deficiency. These athletes lose substantial iron through menstruation and smaller amounts through sweating, heal striking and micro bleeding in the intestines.

"It all adds up," said Laura Knudsen, registered dietitian and head coach of UW-Stout's

track-and-field team.

To create a more positive, healthy student-athlete experience; Koss, her teammates, her coach and UW-Stout's athletic department are working to identify runners with iron deficiencies and are searching for ways to increase their iron and subsequent performance.

The first step in the process to increase iron levels is to heighten awareness of this deficiency.

According to Knudsen, iron deficiency is "One of the most common deficiencies in the U.S." However, most people do not know they have this deficiency.

UW-Stout is emphasizing the importance of getting their female distance runner's iron checked so that a baseline level can be established for each runner. According to Schauf, "This is important because the standard level of iron, as indicated by research, is less important than learning an individual's personal norm.

When an athlete gets their iron checked, they need to inform their doctor of their active lifestyle and specific iron concerns. Without this vital communication, a competitive runner might be told that their iron is normal when, in reality, it is not appropriate for their active lifestyle.

To raise awareness, Schauf asked Knudsen to give a presentation on this topic at the beginning of the cross-country season. Koss found the information helpful, but said, "I didn't think it was that big of a deal. I thought that's not going happen to me: I'm a healthy eater."

However, this deficiency became all-too-real as the season progressed.

"After the beginning three weeks," Koss said, "I got sick and my body wasn't working well: my practices and races were getting worse."

Koss began to experience many of the classic symptoms of iron deficiency, including lightheadedness, a weakened immune system, as well as mental fatigue and physical fatigue. These symptoms can occur on and off the

course as the body struggles to transport oxygen to where it is needed.

In late September, Koss and her teammates scheduled an appointment to get their iron levels tested.

"It was pretty nuts," Koss admitted about her results as she looked over the letter from the health center again. Her ferritin level, which is an indicator of iron, was at 6 ng/dl. According to Knudsen, the recommended level for a female distance runner is 50 ng/dl to 150 ng/dl.

So Koss began the second step in her process of raising her iron levels: a change in lifestyle. To raise her iron, she began to focus on changing her diet and including an iron supplement in her daily routine.

While there are many food options that are rich in iron, Knudsen emphasized three main ones: meat, beans, and fortified cereal.

"A college diet can be high risk," Knudsen said. Without their parent's home-cooked meals, many college students eat diets that are high in carbohydrates. These food items are cheap and easy to store, but they are not high sources of iron.

Nonetheless, Koss is devoted to making healthy choices, "I find myself looking at food labels like: 'How much iron's in here?'"

Koss is also boosting her iron with the help of an over-the-counter iron supplement. According to Schauf, the average female needs 18 mg of iron per day, but the average distance runner needs around 60 mg, depending on their weight. This is challenging considering a three-ounce sirloin only contains 2.9 mg of iron.

In the end, said Knudsen, there is only so much an athlete can do to raise their iron and improve their performance.

"Time," said Knudsen, "it just takes time."

After making these lifestyle changes, it takes about four weeks to begin feeling better

and six to eight to fully recover from anemia. For Koss, she noticed a difference just three weeks after she changed her lifestyle, "I have more energy and it's been helping me quite a bit."

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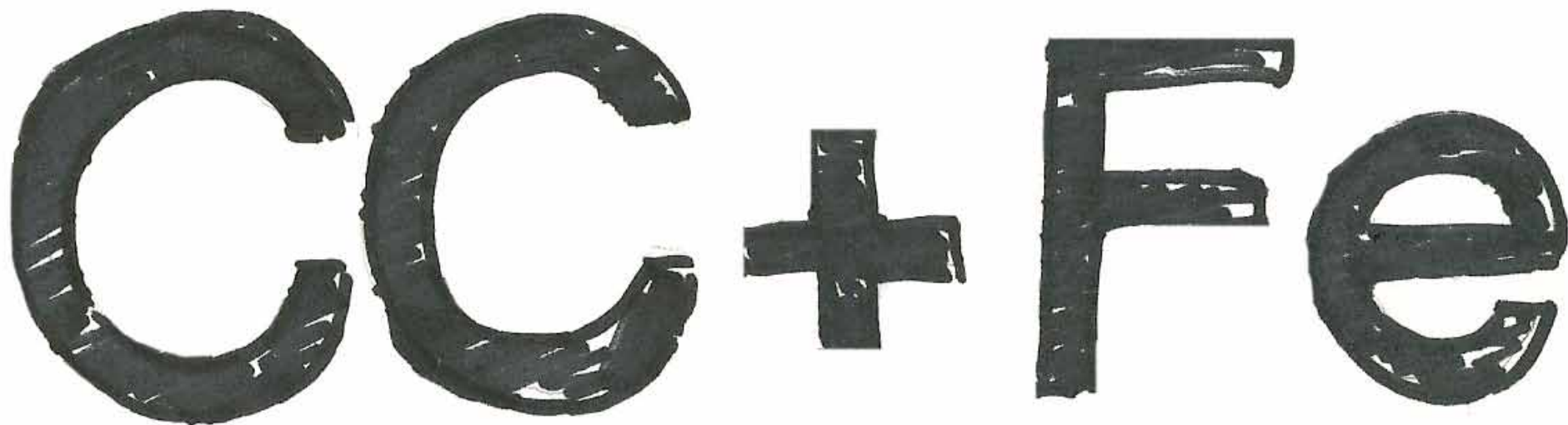
Increasing one's iron levels starts with everyday choices. Whether it's in the grocery store or college cafeteria, certain foods can be selected for their high iron content.

According to WebMD, foods with the highest iron content include:

- **Red meat**
- **Egg yolks**
- **Dark, leafy greens**
- **Dried fruit**
- **Iron-enriched cereals and grains**
- **Mollusks**
- **Turkey or chicken giblets**
- **Beans, lentils, chick peas and soybeans**
- **Liver**
- **Artichokes**

To maximize iron absorption, Laura Knudsen, a registered dietitian, said "these foods should be eaten with vitamin C which improves the body's absorption of iron. Vitamin C rich foods include oranges, kiwis and strawberries."

Knudsen also recommends not eating these iron-rich foods with dairy and milk as these food products will inhibit the body's absorption of iron.





# BLUE DEVIL SCOREBOARD

## GYMNASTICS

The University of Wisconsin-Stout scored a season high 179.075 on Jan. 27, 2012 at the John Zuerlein Invitational hosted by the UW-Stout Gymnastics team at the Johnson Fieldhouse. The team finished second behind the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Katherine Prouty, a freshman from Tigard, Ore., won the vault with a score of 9.450 and was the Blue Devil's only top three finisher for the evening.

Next game: On Jan. 31 the Blue Devils will face off the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire at 6 p.m. on Senior Night at the Johnson Fieldhouse.

## HOCKEY

The University of Wisconsin-Stout went against the University of Saint Scholastica on Jan. 28, 2012 at the Dunn County Ice Arena. The game resulted in a loss, 3-2, for the Blue Devils as they were unable to match the Saints goal for goal. All five goals of the game were scored within 12 minutes of each other in the second period. Charles Lachance, a junior from Quebec City, Quebec scored the first goal for UW-Stout. Luke Dillion, a freshman from Thief River Falls, Minn. scored the other goal of the night.

Next game: The Blue Devils will travel to Eau Claire, Wis., this Friday, Feb. 3, and return home the following night when they host the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Women's Basketball team lost to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at the Karges Center. Bethany Reyzer, a freshman from Altoona, Wis., scored 18 points for the Blue Devils, but it wasn't enough to compete with the 25th ranked UW-River Falls. The Falcons started the game with a 10-0 advantage, but Reyzer quickly got UW-Stout on the board with a three-pointer.

Next game: UW-Stout has the weekend off and will return to action, Wednesday, Feb. 1 when they host the University of Wisconsin-Superior at 7 p.m. at the Johnson Fieldhouse.

## AWKWARD ATHLETE PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Interesting "hockey stick" placement there, buddy.

Layne Pitt/UW-Stout Athletics



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Cover photo by Nate Eul

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- Chief Copy Editor, Laura Larsen

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- Sports Editor, Morgan Pfaller

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***"Spending money to revamp such a new building may or may not be a mistake; what we do know is that they made a mistake when they built it the first time."***

- News Layout Designer, Peter VanDusartz IV

# Saudi Arabian students

**Susan LoRusso**  
Staff Writer

This semester the University of Wisconsin-Stout has a record high of newly enrolled international students - 72 in total. Of these, 26 students are from a Saudi Arabian technical school system, Technical and Vocational Training Corporation (TVTC), where they received associate degrees in their respective fields.

UW-Stout recently partnered with TVTC to further their students' education and to prepare them for teaching careers at TVTC when they return to Saudi Arabia. The TVTC students will spend two semesters in an English as a Second Language program, and will complete their Bachelor degrees during their final five semesters at UW-Stout.

Purposefully seeking students from diverse backgrounds, UW-Stout aims to stay actively involved with Inclusive Excellence. For UW-Stout students, this means a campus-wide focus on embracing diversity and inclusion.

"It is the university's goal to have an internationalization on campus," said Michael Lee, UW-Stout International Student Advisor. "It is important for students to see and realize different cultures. There are many reasons why this is important, but for one, they will experience different cultures in the workplace."

Ibtihal Aldawsari, an apparel design and development major, moved from Saudi Arabia to Menomonie, with her husband and two-year-old son, in January.

"I am excited to learn about a new culture and meet new people here," said Aldawsari. "I also want to improve my English, but I am most excited about learning more about fashion design; I love fashion."

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Familiarizing herself with the American culture has not necessarily been a challenge for Aldawsari, but rather a new experience.

"My husband worked in Saudi Arabia and I stayed at home with our son," said Aldawsari. "Now, he stays home and I go to school, so I can help provide for our family when we return. This is good for us. We each get to learn about what the other has had to go through in the past."

Mansour Alharbi, a business administration major, has also been surprised by some of the differences between Saudi Arabia and Menomonie.

"I always thought American cities would be big. Menomonie is a very, very small city, but I like it," said Alharbi. "Everything is close and I can get around easily and people are really nice. But it is very cold here!"

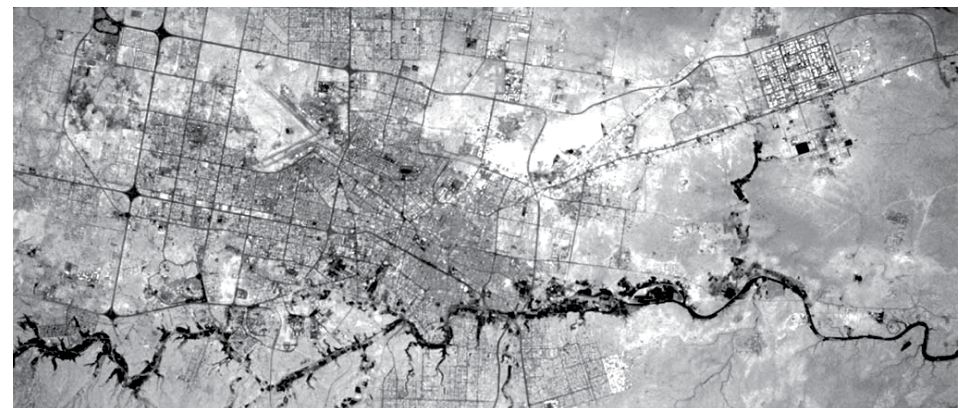
Alharbi came to UW-Stout to help realize a lifelong aspiration.

"To teach is my dream job," said Alharbi. "In Saudi Arabia teaching is a respected and well-paying profession. It is one of the best things someone can do, and I am excited to be a teacher."

Receiving an education from UW-Stout will benefit the Saudi Arabian TVTC students, but UW-Stout students can expect to gain something from their presence on campus as well.

Lee said, "It is important for students to have the opportunity to understand another culture that isn't portrayed well in the news and to build a one-to-one connection with a person from that culture."

UW-Stout will continue accepting TVTC students for the next four years, and expects to have 30 new students each semester.



# 4 the health of it

**Jessica Vaysberg**  
News Editor

A new, free program is being offered at the University of Wisconsin-Stout that focuses on well-being, preventative health, healthy relationships and healthy moods.

The program is called "4 The Health Of It," and was put together by the Counseling Center last year.

The main objective of the program is teaching others to avoid problems through preventa-

tive health knowledge.

"This program helps with little tips to help with the stressors of college," said Assistant Outreach Coordinator Jocelyn MacAskill. "Let's be honest, college is a stressful time."

To connect with students, the program offers webinars, workshops and in class visits around campus.

"Depression and stress are very common," MacAskill said.

Next month is National Nutrition month, and

the program will be focusing on that by talking to students about body image strategies and eating tips. It plans to put an emphasis on a topic each month and relate the healthy-living strategies to that.

The Counseling Center is open Monday through Friday. For a problem over the weekend, they can visit <http://www.uwstout.edu/counsel/emergency.cfm> for a list of resources.

"A lot of studies have shown that prevention is the best way to reach a large group of students," MacAskill said.





Apple is trying to improve the conditions of their China plants.

Penn State is down \$3.2 million as a result of the Sandusky case.

A frozen, dead spacecraft was spotted on Mars by NASA.

A New Jersey dentist is being investigated after two separate occasions where two children died in his care.

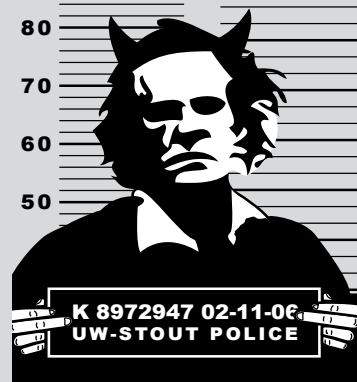
A man suffered a heart attack while eating at the "Heart Attack Grill" in Las Vegas.

A Twitter user reported Whitney Houston's death on the site almost a half hour before the Associated Press did.

More warnings to Mexico are being issued because of the growing violence there.

A woman in China gave birth to a baby weighing over 15 pounds.

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Jessica Vaysberg  
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Tales of stupidity from Menomonie

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#### Running Cougar

1/26/12

A sculpture cougar, presumably an art project, was found up in a tree by a UW-Stout building. The item was returned to its proper place. Too bad the student who did it didn't use "the cougar ran into the tree itself" excuse. It could have worked. After all, it had a life of its own.

#### Popcorn Lights

2/1/12

In a building on campus, lights spontaneously flickered, followed by a burning smell. The structure had to be evacuated and firefighters were called. Turns out, someone had burned popcorn. Note to everyone: burnt popcorn can cause lights to flicker.

#### Phone Emergency

2/2/12

Police arrived after receiving a call on a campus phone, followed by an immediate hang-up. The police responded to the call, but when they got there, nothing was wrong. It was reported that a 911 call had been made, following an immediate hang-up, from the same phone, at the same time, the day before.

They believe there was a problem with the phone. The phone must have been having a serious problem if it felt the need to call the police.

#### Lock Your Locker

2/2/12

Swim trunks, swim hat, a belt and a StoutOne Card were reported stolen from an unlocked locker. Isn't the purpose of using a locker to lock it?

#### Snowball Fight

2/2/12

Someone reported a snowball being thrown at them, but said they were not injured by it. This person must have it pretty easy if they consider someone trying to start a snowball fight with them a crisis.

#### GPS is Watching You

2/8/12

An iPod with a GPS tracking device went missing. The victim located the iPod on the GPS tracking device and sent it a message saying "Return iPod to the building." The victim then got their device back after it was returned to the building. If only all items had GPS tracking devices.



Jessica Vaysberg  
*News Editor*

The primary election for Wisconsin residents is coming up on Feb. 21, and the state of Wisconsin has changed the identification requirements to vote. These changes will mainly affect students.

In order for University of Wisconsin-Stout students to vote, they must have an acceptable photo ID and proof that they are enrolled.

To help encourage students to vote, UW-Stout is providing students with an Enrollment Verification Document. This document—along with a photo ID—will allow any student who has a campus residence, mailing address or home address in the 54751 zip code to vote in the district or ward that includes the local address.

To obtain the Enrollment Verification Document, a student must log into AccessStout, go to Self Service and click on Student Center. Once in the Student Center, the Voter Enrollment Document may be printed.

Along with the Voter Enrollment Document, students must present an acceptable form of ID: either a Wisconsin driver's license or a UW-Stout compliant voter ID.

The compliant student voter IDs may be obtained prior to the election from the Campus Card Office at no charge. StoutOne cards are not acceptable forms of ID.

"This process was developed to comply with the changes to the law," said Registrar Scott Correll. "I am hopeful that the process will work well. The local primary next week will be a good test. Changes can be made going forward if problems are encountered."

VOTER  
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The outside of Menomonie's government center where students can register to vote.

Andrew Schneider/Stoutonia



# Algae removal in lake Menomin

Claire Mathiowetz  
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When living in Menomonie, there is one issue that everyone agrees on—that the algae, which is known to grow wild especially in the late summer months in Lake Menomin, is a problem. What everyone doesn't agree on, however, is exactly how it should be removed from the lake.

Last week, Mayor Randy Knaack proposed an idea to the city council to allow him to have a fundraiser to help clean up the lake and for them to help him raise the funds for this project. The council members and other citizens of Menomonie, however, weren't supportive.

"At this point, there are a lot more questions than answers. Does this mechanical removal break open cells and actually release more toxins? These are questions that we have and also that the DNR has," said Dr. Scott

McGovern, biology professor at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Knaack worked on algae removal last summer, adding that it was successful in the past. Having grown up in Menomonie, he remembers the days when the beaches were open and the lake was clean enough to swim in, which is the state he hopes the lake can return to in the future.

"I am going to be forced to do a fundraiser on my own to raise the money for the algae removal machine. We're going to get some big sponsors to help us get the lake cleaned up. To really do it, we're going to need around \$500,000," said Knaack.

Dr. McGovern believes that there are other options for removing the algae. The plan that he city council is calling for is that they study the algae more looking into hidden costs re-

garding the removal of the cyanobacteria. Other removal processes include treating it in place, which consists of precipitating the nutrients and killing the cyanobacteria in the water using ecologically safe chemicals. Another option is manipulating the plants and animals in the lake. Adding more predator fish is a suggestion from Dr. Zimmer, who is a professor at the University of St. Thomas. More predator fish will eat smaller fish, which eat even smaller aquatic animals such as daphnia, which eat cyanobacteria. A subsequent increase in zooplankton means cleaner water. In addition, planting more native aquatic plants, will help precipitate the nutrients in the sediment and providing zooplankton a place to hide. Dr. McGovern believes these are all options the committee should consider.

"The lake should be utilized a lot more than it is. The council wants

more information than I can give them. Without going out there, harvesting this plan and getting that into our hands, I have to prove to them that I can remove the algae properly. It's almost like the proof is in the pudding, but I need to get the pudding first," said Knaack.

Knaack also said that he needs all the support he can get and that the more people that help and volunteer, the quicker someone will come up with an even better idea of how to get the job done.

"These are baby steps to a much bigger solution in the future. I want to see the beaches with a gazebo, stage and new sand. It should be a fun place for people to hang out and a good time, and we won't have that until we get the lake clean."



Algae from lake Menomin caked to the bed of a trailer.

Contributed Photo



# Blazing a new trail!

Jessica Christiansen  
Staff Writer

On Sept. 22, 2011, as a result of collaboration between students and administration, the University of Wisconsin-Stout debuted its first official Blue Devil mascot during a football game at the Don and Nora Williams Stadium. The design for the mascot was based on the football team's nickname and not given a name of its own.

On Jan. 12, UW-Stout started seeking ideas of names for the new mascot from both students and the public; submissions were accepted through Jan. 22. A mascot-naming committee of ten people, including five students, worked to narrow down the list of names to four options.

The committee received over 100 names to choose from and narrowed the name selections to: Blaze, Harvey, Scorch and Beau. Subsequently, they set up a poll on the Blue Devil mascot Facebook page, with voting limited to one vote per person. The name receiving the most votes would determine the mascot's new name; anyone with a Facebook account could vote on the mascot's name until Feb 9.

"UW-Stout made voting easy to access voting by having it on Facebook," said student Taylor Norton.

The name of the mascot was announced on Saturday Feb. 11 between the women's and men's basketball games against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire at the Johnson Fieldhouse. The poll included approximately 1,600 people who voted on their choice of a name. The winning name for the mascot was "Blaze," which won with 766 votes. The other names voted on scored: Beau 478, Harvey 253 and Scorch 84.

"I really thought Blaze was the best fitting for a Blue Devil because Beau and Harvey seemed to match the academic buildings more than a Blue Devil, said student Monica Mattison. "I think the name 'Blaze' has a better ring to it than 'Scorch,'" said student Curt Larson.

The mascot has appeared at many university and community events without a name since it was unveiled to the public in September. Fortunately, the Blue Devil is no longer nameless and will attend events with the new name. Blaze, the Blue Devil, was congratulated by Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen and Athletic Director Duey Naatz shortly after presenting his name to the public.



# Rockfest climbing competition

Jennifer Huynh  
Staff Writer

On March 3, the Stout Adventures Rockfest climbing competition will take place at the University of Wisconsin-Stout's Sports and Fitness Center. This competition was created 11 years ago—at the same time Stout Adventures was created.

"It started as a result of the climbing community," said Charles Erickson, the Stout Adventures facilitator.

The event has had about 60-100 participants in the past and some UW-Stout students only make up about 25-30 of that. Most participants come from the community, and some travel

from out-of-state.

"When climbers come, they are very happy with the atmosphere and enjoy our rock wall," said Erickson.

Those who do not climb are able to come watch the events. "The first year, there was a girl who is now a professional climber—that was interesting to watch. She was very fluent and really had an understanding in technique which really is what climbing comes down to—people think climbing means you are really strong—but it's really all in your feet," Erickson said.

All students are encouraged to sign up because no experience is necessary. There are

four divisions: beginner, intermediate, advanced and youth. Climbers may climb as many times within the allotted time and only the top four climbs will be counted in the final score.

"It's more of a fun event; at the end, people are exhausted but are cheering others on. People are trying to push themselves and support others," stated Erickson.

To add to the fun, the theme this year is "Cave'n In", in which participants are encouraged to dress up as a caveman or cavewoman for the event. A prize will be given to the best dressed climber. There is also an opportunity to donate to Stepping Stones, a non-profit or-

ganization in Dunn County that provides food, shelter and support, who will be taking non-perishable food items or cash.

A student fee of \$20 guarantees a free t-shirt if pre-registered by Feb. 22, and free food that has been donated by the supporting community.

The event has two sections. At 8:00 a.m., the Youth Climbing League (YCL) will start the competition and end at 10 a.m. The rest of the competition begins at 10:30 a.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m.

A first time competitor, Sam Zafft, who is an avid rock climber and sophomore at UW-Stout said, "I am very excited about it—I look forward to competing."



Stout Adventures indoor climbing facility and site of their annual Rockfest competition.

Andrew Schneider/Stoutonia



# Electric Substation

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The University of Wisconsin-Stout has been going under many renovations—one of which is the electrical substation near the heating plant that began last fall.

A substation, according to the United States Department of Labor is “a high-voltage electric system facility. It is used to switch generators, equipment, and circuits or lines in and out of a system.”

UW-Stout has its own substation to be more efficient. According to ABB Inc., a leader in power and automation technologies, high voltages going through a substation closer to where the energy will be consumed will have significant efficiency improvements.

“It all boils down to BTU efficiency,” said

According to Zenon Smolarek, Assistant Director of the UW-Stout Physical Plant.

BTU stands for British Thermal Units.

As defined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), “Energy consumption data, collected as broad national averages, were examined for housing location, type, and transportation variables and translated into BTUs of energy in order to illustrate the relative differences in energy consumption.”

In order to obtain BTU efficiency, each building will have individual meters that will monitor monthly energy consumption.

Not only will this be more sustainable, it will also lower costs during peak energy prices.

“If there are energy usage spikes, we can see where it is being used and try to reduce it,” said Smolarek.

Despite just trying to be more energy efficient, this renovation is a mandatory adjustment, a project that must be done about every thirty to forty years. Also, instead of having the substation exposed and vulnerable to the

elements, it is now enclosed to avoid future problems such as blackouts.

The substation that is being replaced was built in 1974 and was connected to the heating plant; now, the new substation will be free standing.

The project will cost about \$3.25 million dollars and will end before the next fall semester.

“It is nice to see that the state is investing in our infrastructure,” said Smolarek.



An in progress view of UW-Stout's new electric substation.

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# You are a Millennial

## 6 factors that make our generation unique

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If you are currently attending the University of Wisconsin-Stout and were born between the late 1970s and the early 2000s (there aren't any actual "set" dates), then you are considered part of the Millennial Generation. Great, but what does this mean? Well, every generation has a set of defining factors, and ours is no different.

This article intends to provide a few basic defining characteristics of the Millennial Generation based on research conducted by The Pew Charitable Trusts (PCT). You may find a lot of these findings obvious, but compare them to your parents' generation and you'll likely notice some stark contrasts.

### 1) Millennials' beliefs have been shaped by a sluggish economy

Have you ever heard someone make an excuse and blame it on the economy? Our generation has an odd outlook on the future: we seem to expect a so-so job market, and yet, we're optimistic about the future. In fact, the PCT reports that "nearly nine-in-ten of today's 18-to-34 year-olds say they earn enough money now to lead the kind of life they want, or that they expect to earn enough in the future."

### 2) Today's 18- to 29-year-olds value parenthood far more than marriage

In general, our generation is losing faith in marriage. When you consider that the divorce rate is over 50 percent, it's fairly easy to see why this is. This doesn't mean that we don't value relationships, it just means the formality of marriage doesn't mean as much as it used to.

A 2010 Pew Research survey found that "52 percent of Millennials say being a good parent is 'one of the most important things' in life. Just 30 percent say the same about having a successful marriage— meaning there is a 22 percentage point gap in the way Millennials value parenthood over marriage."

### 3) Millennial online sharing habits are here to stay

Back in the mid-2000s (doesn't it feel weird to refer to that as a long time ago!?) social net-

working websites began to emerge and grow in popularity. Sure, they were really cool, but everyone wrote them off as a fad that our society would grow out of. Well, we didn't. In fact, we made online social networking an integral part of our lives. Now whenever someone has a funny thought, a sour complaint or an interesting photo, it is uploaded to the Internet for everyone to enjoy, or poke fun of. These habits are going to stick with us.

### 4) Millennials are educated, connected and open to change

Need an answer to a question? Google it. Looking for another roommate? Facebook it. Want to tell your followers how ticked off you are about failing your math test? Tweet it. Our generation knows how to produce results and has the technology to do it quickly. We are the first "always connected" generation. According to a Pew Research survey, "More than eight-in-ten say they sleep with a cell phone glowing by the bed, poised to disgorge texts, phone calls, emails, songs, news, videos, games and wake-up jingles."

### 5) Millennials are less religious than older generations

One-in-four Millennials admit that they don't belong to any particular faith. While this may seem alarming, this isn't a new trend. Each decade, less Americans have affiliated themselves with a specific religion. This isn't to say that these individuals aren't spiritual; it merely means they are abstaining from putting a label on it.

### 6) Millennials are open to interracial dating and marriage

According to a Pew Research survey, "Roughly nine-in-ten say they would be fine with a family member's marriage to an African American (88%), a Hispanic American (91%), an Asian American (93%) or a white American (92%)."

You can find additional information at:  
[www.pewtrusts.org/our\\_work\\_detail.aspx?id=980](http://www.pewtrusts.org/our_work_detail.aspx?id=980).



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# Battle 'gainst the bottle

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Think gas is expensive? Well you shouldn't, especially if you're a frequent purchaser of bottled water. The approximate current price of a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline in Menomonie is \$3.50. We'll say a 20-ounce bottle of water is 99 cents. There are 128 fluid ounces in a gallon, so, if you do the math, you'll find out that, per gallon, you're paying \$6.34 for water. Ouch.

Now, there are circumstances where purchasing bottled water makes sense. (For example, emergency situations- it is 2012, after all- or if you're like me and occasionally forget your reusable water bottle). But, for the most part, buying bottled water means you're getting scammed. How can I make this audacious claim? There are these crazy things called water fountains (not bubblers) and faucets that allow you to magically summon clean water. No, the water isn't 100 percent free, but it's pretty darn close.

You've probably heard the statistic that the number of plastic water bottles in existence could, when melted down and properly constructed, form a bridge from Earth to Mars. OK, that may be a bit exaggerated, but the actual stats are still staggering. Approximately 1.5 million tons of plastic waste are created annually, which requires nearly 50 million gallons of oil to produce. Let's remember that, as of yet, we haven't figured out a way to harvest resources from other planets, so our resources are limited. Obviously, this pace cannot be maintained forever.

OK, OK: so landfills are being filled with recyclable plastic waste, our natural resources

are disappearing and wildlife is choking on our junk. What can we, as individuals, do to reverse this trend? We can purchase reusable bottles and simply fill them with the water we want to consume. Easy enough. The more difficult question is: what can we do as a culture?

"Think Outside the Bottle," an organization created by Corporate Accountability International, reported that more than 20 colleges have elected to completely or partially ban bottled water from their respective campuses. Is this the most appropriate measure? I'm not so sure. After all, how often does a ban effectively actuate change? (Yes, I still witness people puffing their cigarettes on campus.)

Instead of making bottled water the devil, the University of Wisconsin-Stout administration could use this opportunity to embrace UW-Stout's culture of sustainability: with each backpack issued to a student, a nifty reusable UW-Stout water bottle would accompany. Not only would this further assert UW-Stout's dedication to going green, but it would also serve as a great marketing tool for when students travel back to their hometowns bearing their brand-embedded UW-Stout water bottles.

The plastic water bottle problem is one of those issues that manifests slowly; it won't cause any changes in your day-to-day life, but it will likely have a major impact on the future of the Earth. Admittedly, it isn't easy to devote yourself to something as noble as helping "the future of Earth." This is an ambiguous, abstract phrase. What you can do, however, is think about how much money you'll save by investing in a stainless steel or hard-plastic water bottle. Furthermore, you're likely to drink more water, a lot more water. Your body will appreciate it.



Andrew Schneider/Stoutonia

## Interview with Camille Thorson, Student Sustainability Specialist - Involvement and Leadership - Ally Initiatives

**Is solving the bottled water problem really as simple as buying a reusable water bottle and filling it up?**

- Yes; purchasing a reusable bottle is easy to fill up at the new hydration stations all over campus. If you do buy single-use bottled water, the bottle needs to be recycled in the comingled recycling receptacles. Also, buying one-time use bottled water helps support the overuse of petroleum, which is not a good thing.

**When is buying a bottle of water justified?**

- I think that purchasing a bottle of water is justified if you are in a third world country, or anywhere that doesn't have safe drinking water.  
- All Menomonie tap water is safe to drink and delicious. If you don't like the taste, it is better to purchase a Brita filter system than to purchase mass amounts of one-time use bottled water.

**Do you have any specific statistics you could share with us?**

- 16 hydration stations were installed on campus during the 2010-2011 school year.  
- 7 have been installed so far for the 2011-2012 school year- prior to this point, they still required the "hydration station" to be installed in the unit.  
- Going forward, plans are to install hydration stations in deliberate locations around campus.  
- Goal to initially install one hydration station in each academic/administrative building on campus.  
- Plan to install 5-10 in 2012-13 in the residence halls.

**What has the University of Wisconsin-Stout done to help combat against the buying of bottled water?**

- The Environmental Sustainability office has launched an "I Love Tap Water" campaign to start informing students, faculty and staff that tap water is safe to drink, healthier and more economical. During Campus Sustainability Day, anyone who attends the events gets a free "I Love Tap Water" stainless steel waterbottle. These can be purchased at the UW-Stout Bookstore, and hopefully soon also available for purchase at the dining services carts; this way there will be more publicity and people will purchase these bottles over the single-use bottles.



# Thinking about going abroad? Do it!

Rachel Policano  
Staff Writer

A couple years ago, I would have told you that I didn't have what it takes to study abroad. I didn't have the guts to be away from home for months at a time or in another country, and I definitely would have not been able to afford it. For the most part, I still couldn't really afford it, and I could not do your typical semester-long study abroad, but my attitude towards the experience has changed drastically. I wholeheartedly recommend it. I believe you will reap the benefits of studying abroad, like becoming a more outgoing and cultured individual, no matter the duration of the program you choose.

Studying abroad is usually thought of as a semester long stay in another country, taking a handful of classes and immersing yourself into the culture of your choice. But that long of a duration may not be for everyone, myself included. The three trips I've went on since May 2011 have allowed me to take three different classes, for a cumulative one and a half months spent somewhere other than small-town Wisconsin.

Now tell me, how is that any different than your typical study abroad experience? I spent nearly two months in different places throughout Europe and the United States and gained credits towards my education. Although it wasn't a full immersion, I was still able to get a sense of the area and the culture. As long as you are able to learn something from your experience abroad, the duration of your stay does not make a difference. Time abroad is time abroad.

When I first came to the University of Wisconsin-Stout, I was a shy, reclusive student who barely left her dorm room and went home every weekend. I'm not saying this is a bad way to go about your college experience, but I was fully aware that I was missing out and I no longer wanted to go about my life this way.

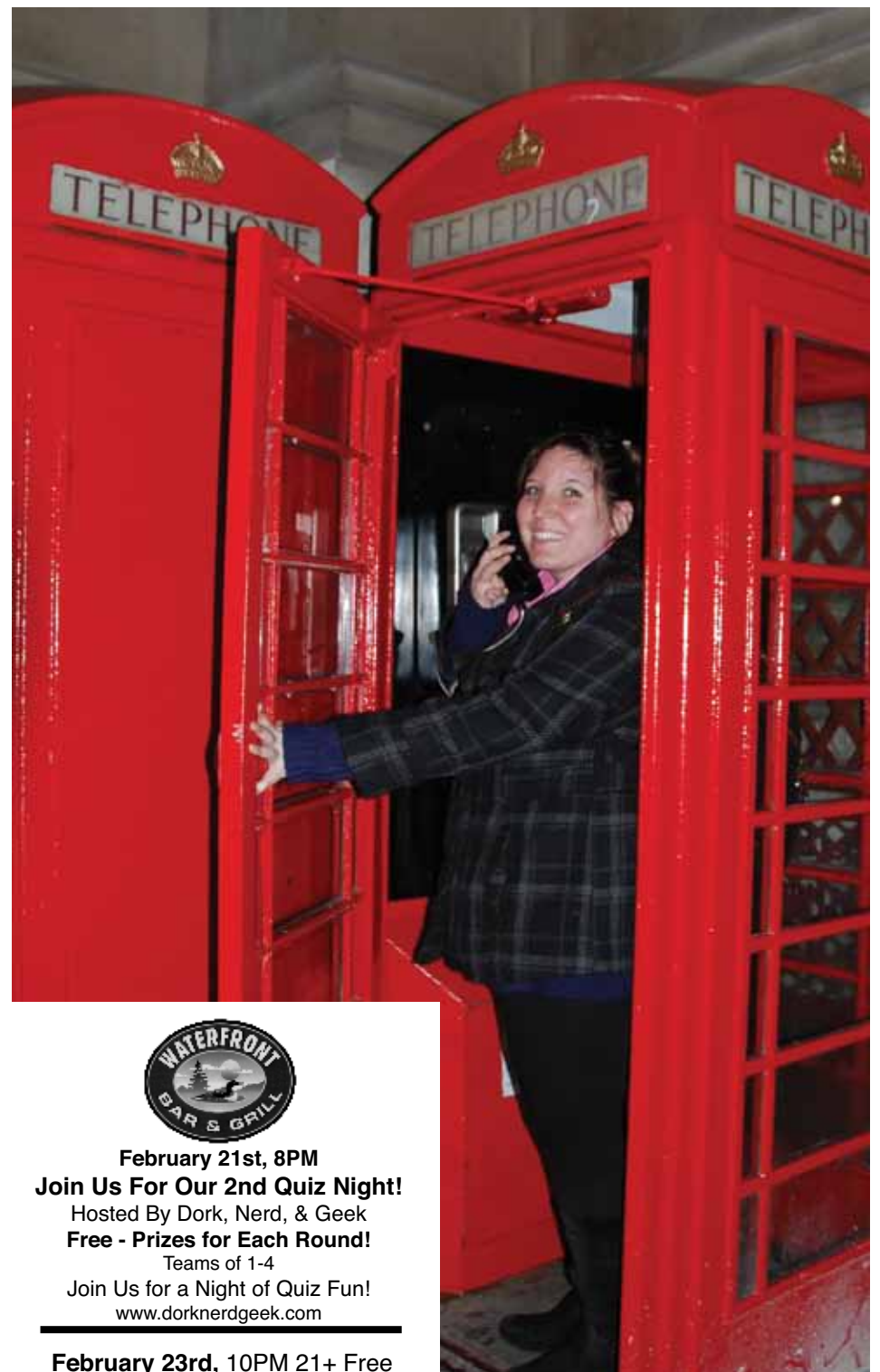
That was January, a year ago. That was also when I heard some friends of mine discussing a class that I had wanted to take that was only available abroad; I knew that this was my chance to change and I haven't looked back since.

I've changed so much since my first college days. I've since gained the confidence I've always wanted, I am more outgoing and I've made so many new friends. Yes, you can gain

these things by going to events or joining organizations on campus (and I've done it that way as well this past year), but I really was able to discover myself and the world around me via the study abroad programs.

Studying abroad is not something you simply jump into; it is a big commitment and some-

times an even bigger sum of money added on top of your current tuition, but really, can you put a price on an experience like this? Trust me when I say it will be worth every single penny. Your biggest dilemma will be deciding where to go. The world is at your feet and deciding to study abroad is just the first step.



Staff writer Rachel Policano experiencing an iconic British telephone booth.

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5	2	2006 5th Street E Apt C	\$1,150	\$250	Very nice apt, <b>washer/dryer, A/C, parking</b> , has everything!
5	2	1708 6th Street E Apt B	\$1,275	\$275	Fabulous apt, <b>W/D</b> , large rooms, <b>parking</b> , has everything!
6	2	1402 8th Street E	\$850	\$142	Corner lot, <b>washer/dryer</b> , off-street <b>parking</b> , full basement
7	3	1803 7th Street E	\$1,600	\$229	Big house, <b>2 W/D, dishwasher, 2 HUGE bedrooms, garage</b>
10	3	1609 6th Street E	\$1,600	\$160	Recently remodeled, 2 living rooms, good location, <b>parking</b>

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# Teddy's Tubesteaks: Hidden gem for late night dining



Rose Meier/Stoutonia

**Rose Meier**  
Entertainment Editor

Looking for a tasty late night treat in downtown Menomonie that isn't served in a cardboard box? Teddy's Tubesteaks in downtown Menomonie is a hidden gem for late night dining.

You can visit Teddy's Tubesteaks at 617 South Broadway Street on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from midnight to 3 a.m. while

school is in session. Arrive hungry and choose to order a tubesteak with chili and/or cheese, or as a plain, naked dog.

At Teddy's Tubesteaks, restaurant owner Theodore Stats defines a tubesteak as "slang for a hotdog."

Note that Teddy's Tubesteaks does not serve just your average store-bought hotdog—in- stead you will be served the same type of hot- dog sold at Miller Park and Lambeau Field, but for a much more reasonable price.

## Menu

*Tubesteak*

*Pretzel*

*Chili & Cheese*

## Condiments

*Relish, ketchup, mustard, tomato, sauerkraut, pickles, onionons, and jalapeños*

Once you have ordered your tubesteak, you are ready to dress your dog. Choose from the buffet style of toppings that include: relish, ketchup, mustard, tomato, sauerkraut, pickles, onions and jalapeños.

If you can't decide how to dress your dog, just ask Stats. He's got customer service nailed down by using what he calls his "mag- netic personality."

Hotdogs not so much your style? Teddy's Tubesteaks also offers pretzels with the option of adding warm cinnamon and sugar.

And the variety doesn't end there. The vend- ing machine is stocked full of throat lozenges,

Mardi Gras beads, contraceptives and the de- vice to determine if the contraceptives fulfilled its purpose.

So whether it's a tubesteak or pretzel you're after, stop in at Teddy's Tubesteaks for good food and the only place in downtown Menomonie for a truly unique late night dining experience.



Nate Eul/Stoutonia

Theodore Stats, owner, offers Rose Meier thoughtful advice

"My mouth said, let love grow,  
but my thighs said, this time no."

-Testimonial by Kenzie Owens

Open  
Thursday-Saturday  
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# PONG hosts 30-hour video game event

Jeff Gebert  
Staff Writer

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# Comedian Geoff Keith

Rose Meier  
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Comedian Geoff Keith will be performing in the Terrace at the University of Wisconsin-Stout at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Keith says that his stage presence depends on his mood but that he's usually "pretty goofy" and likes to tell stories about things that happened to him.

"I like having fun and I like everyone else to feel like they're at the party with me," said Keith.

Keith has worked alongside well-known comedian Pablo Francisco and has made appearances on Playboy TV's "Night Calls," CBS's "The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson," HBO's "Down and Dirty with Jim Norton" and E! Channel's "Chelsea Lately" among others.

Keith has been traveling nonstop since mid-August due to his popularity on college campuses.

"Right now I'm one of the highest-booked college comedians in the country," said Keith.

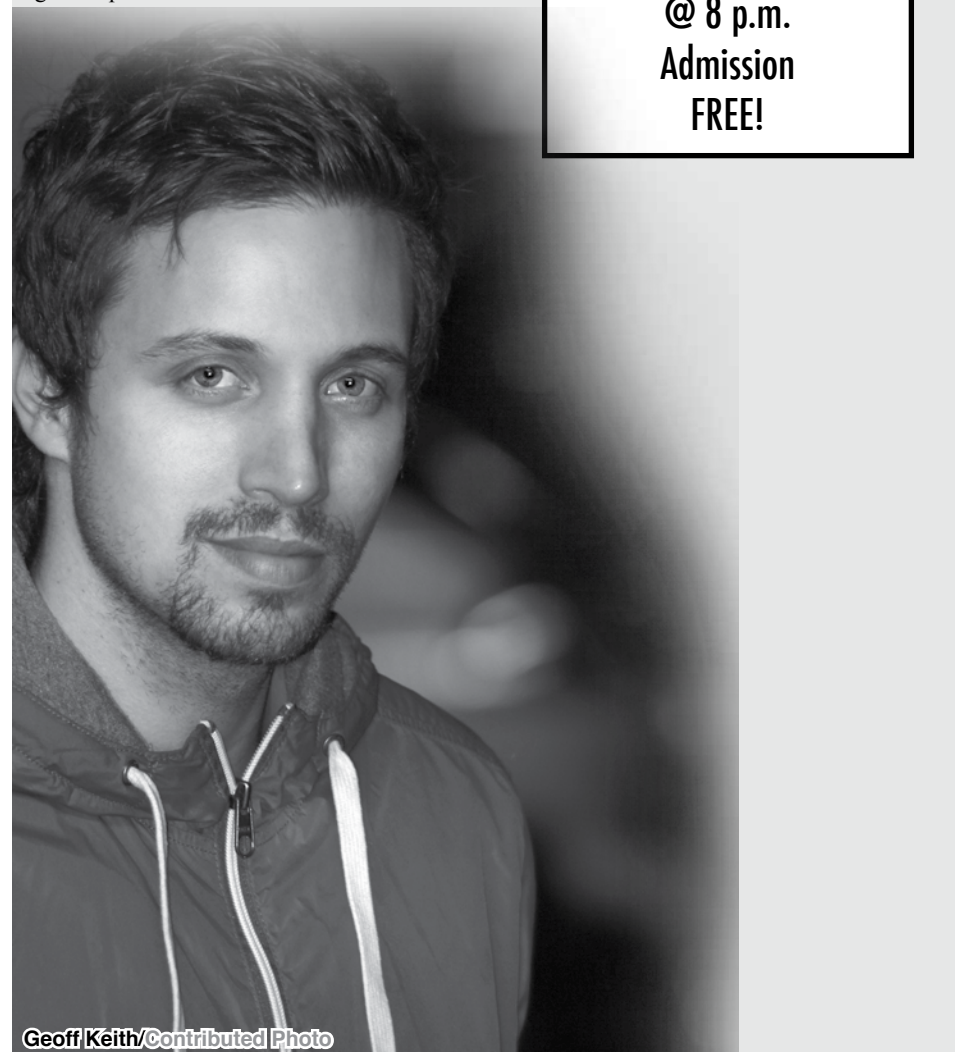
In college Keith decided cubicle life wasn't right for him, so he dropped out of school to chase his dreams.

"I dropped out of college, and then I started hitting up the local open mic scene in southern California," said Keith. "I would drive all over southern California and go to bar gigs, coffee shops, Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and Narcotics Anonymous meetings. I performed at nudist colonies. I did a show like anywhere I could."

Keith looks forward to his upcoming performance at UW-Stout.

"I'm looking forward to it, and I hope everyone comes out and has a good time," said Keith. "Feel free to interact with me unless you're going to be a jerk."

**Tuesday, Feb. 21  
@ 8 p.m.  
Admission  
FREE!**



Geoff Keith/Contributed Photo

Correction to the Volume 102, Issue 08

There is an error in the last issue relating to the "Woes of a Fashion Major" article. Courtney Danielson did not say what was attributed to her. The online version of the story has been corrected.



# Academy Awards Preview

**Jeff Gebert**  
Staff Writer

The nominees are officially in for the 84th Academy Awards, which will broadcast live on ABC from the Kodak Theater in Hollywood, Calif. on Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. The year 2011 was a big hit for movies, so it will most likely be a great show this year.

The Academy Awards (also known as the Oscars) are a way of honoring excellence in the film industry. The categories span from "Best Actor in a Leading Role" to "Best Make-up." The voting is done by The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, better known as The Academy.

The nominees were announced on Jan. 24. Some films with the most nominations are: "Hugo," which leads the pack with 11 different nominations, including Best Picture; "The Artist," with 10 nominations; as well as "Moneyball" and "War Horse," each with 6 nomina-

tions. Indiewire.com predicts that "The Artist" will walk away with Best Picture.

Billy Crystal will be hosting the awards for the ninth time. Originally, Eddie Murphy was going to host but stepped down after producer Brett Ratner resigned. Of course, since this is the biggest night in Hollywood, all the big actors will be there. The presenters include Cameron Diaz, Bradley Cooper, Halle Berry, Penelope Cruz, Tom Hanks and more.

On Jan. 15, the Golden Globes were held. Often times, the Golden Globes predict Oscar winners. "The Descendants" won Best Picture and Martin Scorsese won Best Director for "Hugo." The Oscars have also nominated "The Descendants" for Best Picture and Martin Scorsese for Best Director, so it is very likely that those films could win another award.

On Feb. 26, make sure to tune in to ABC at 6 p.m. for the Academy Awards. For a full list of nominations, visit <http://oscar.go.com/nominees>.

## ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE

Demián Bichir-  
A Better Life

George Clooney-  
The Descendants

Jean Dujardin-  
The Artist

Gary Oldman-  
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy

Brad Pitt-  
Moneyball

## ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

Glenn Close-  
Albert Nobbs

Viola Davis-  
The Help

Rooney Mara-  
The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo

Meryl Streep-  
The Iron Lady

Michelle Williams-  
My Week with Marilyn

## ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

Kenneth Branagh-  
My Week with Marilyn

Jonah Hill-  
Moneyball

Nick Nolte-  
Warrior

Christopher Plummer-  
Beginners

Max von Sydow-  
Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close

## ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

Bérénice Bejo-  
The Artist

Jessica Chastain-  
The Help

Melissa McCarthy-  
Bridesmaids

Janet McTeer-  
Albert Nobbs

Octavia Spencer-  
The Help

## BEST PICTURE

The Artist

The Descendants

Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close

The Help

Hugo

Midnight in Paris

Moneyball

The Tree of Life

War Horse

## DIRECTING

The Artist-  
Michel Hazanavicius

The Descendants-  
Alexander Payne

Hugo-  
Martin Scorsese

Midnight in Paris-  
Woody Allen

The Tree of Life-  
Terrence Malick

## Spotted in Menomonie



Andrew Schneider/Stoutonia

**Menomonie's favorite shoe repair shop! If you're looking for a sole, Harry's got it.**





An eye catching pizza oven outside of the Skylight Market

## Improvements to MSC allow for dining in style

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*Staff Writer*

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# Apply now to study abroad

Rachel Policano  
Staff Writer

The application to study abroad for summer, fall and academic year 2012 is due by March 1 to the Office of International Education.

Studying abroad is an age-old practice that everyone will suggest you experience while in college; the Office of International Education is there to help you fulfill that experience so you can check it off your bucket list.

Samantha Sorensen, an assistant in the study abroad office, defines studying abroad as "stepping out of one's comfort zone in order to experience a country that is different than their own."

Sorenson explained that she was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to study abroad when she was a sophomore here at UW-Stout and states that it was a "life-changing experience."

"[I] picked up communication skills, a new found passion for [my] major and a different perspective on what it means to be an American," said Sorenson. "And it all happened outside of the classroom."

The University of Wisconsin-Stout offers programs that last anywhere from two weeks to a full year. There are programs that allow you to study internationally or in different schools in the United States.

"There are over 50 different countries that a student could study in and over 400 different universities," said Sorensen. "I would say some of the best opportunities that our office provides include the exchange programs overseas. This means that students would still pay the same tuition they would at UW-Stout and simply a different meal and housing plan, which can make it very affordable."

Sorenson said that when choosing a program, students should research the location for things like weather during a certain times of the year, cultural differences and the educational system.

"This will give students a brief insight as to what they are about to experience," said Sorenson.

There are guidelines and processes that the student must follow in order to study abroad; they must also have completed their freshman year.

"The first opportunity a student could apply for a program would be one that takes place the summer after their freshman year," said Sorenson.

After a student selects a school or program, they can apply to study abroad on the International Education website.

"When completing the application, [stu-

dents] will need to meet with their program director to select courses, obtain recommendations from staff members, write a short essay and complete some additional application forms," said Sorensen. "For most of our programs, a student will need to have a 2.5 GPA, although some do require higher GPAs. Contrary to popular belief, students can even start applying before they have a passport."

The Office of International Education website is full of resources for students.

Topics range from the application process, questions to consider, how to finance your trip (financial aid is available), travel resources about individual countries, health insurance received through UW-Stout and information regarding passports and visas. The website also provides a link to LiveMocha, a language software to help you practice the language of the country you are traveling to should it be something other than English.

Whether it's Europe, South America, Australia, Africa Asia or even locations across the United States, your dream destination is waiting for you and the opportunity of a lifetime.

Visit the Office of International Education in 400 Bowman Hall or their website, uwstout.studioabroad.com, for more information.

## Group Advising Sessions are:

Monday, February 20th at  
5:45-6:45 p.m. in Northwoods  
/ MSC

Tuesday, February 21th at  
5:45-6:45 p.m. in Northwoods  
/ MSC

Monday, February 27th at  
5:45-6:45 p.m. in Northwoods  
/ MSC

Tuesday, February 28th at  
5:45-6:45 p.m. in Ballroom C  
/ MSC

"If anyone is remotely interested in studying abroad then they should do it. UW - Stout Study Abroad office offers a plethora of amazing schools around the world and whomever is interested should scoop themselves up and ship themselves there! Go, fellow students, go!"

-Emily Westberg



Rachel Policano/Stoutonia



# When walking to class is no longer a workout; it's time for a gym membership

Morgan Pfaller  
Sports Editor

Life at the University of Wisconsin-Stout is beginning to settle, the excitement of students returning from winter break has died down and classes and homework are slowly becoming a part of our routine. The third week of classes is about to begin and every student can take a moment before the madness of midterms sets in to do something to better themselves: in-

vest in a gym membership at the Health and Fitness Center.

With the word "gym membership" comes a few dozen excuses, such as, "I don't have the money to invest in a gym membership," or "I don't have enough time to work out." While the latter may apply to many students, truthfully there are always a few extra minutes in every student's busy schedule to set aside for a quick workout. If money is an issue, membership fees are reasonably priced.

For a student (including part time, full

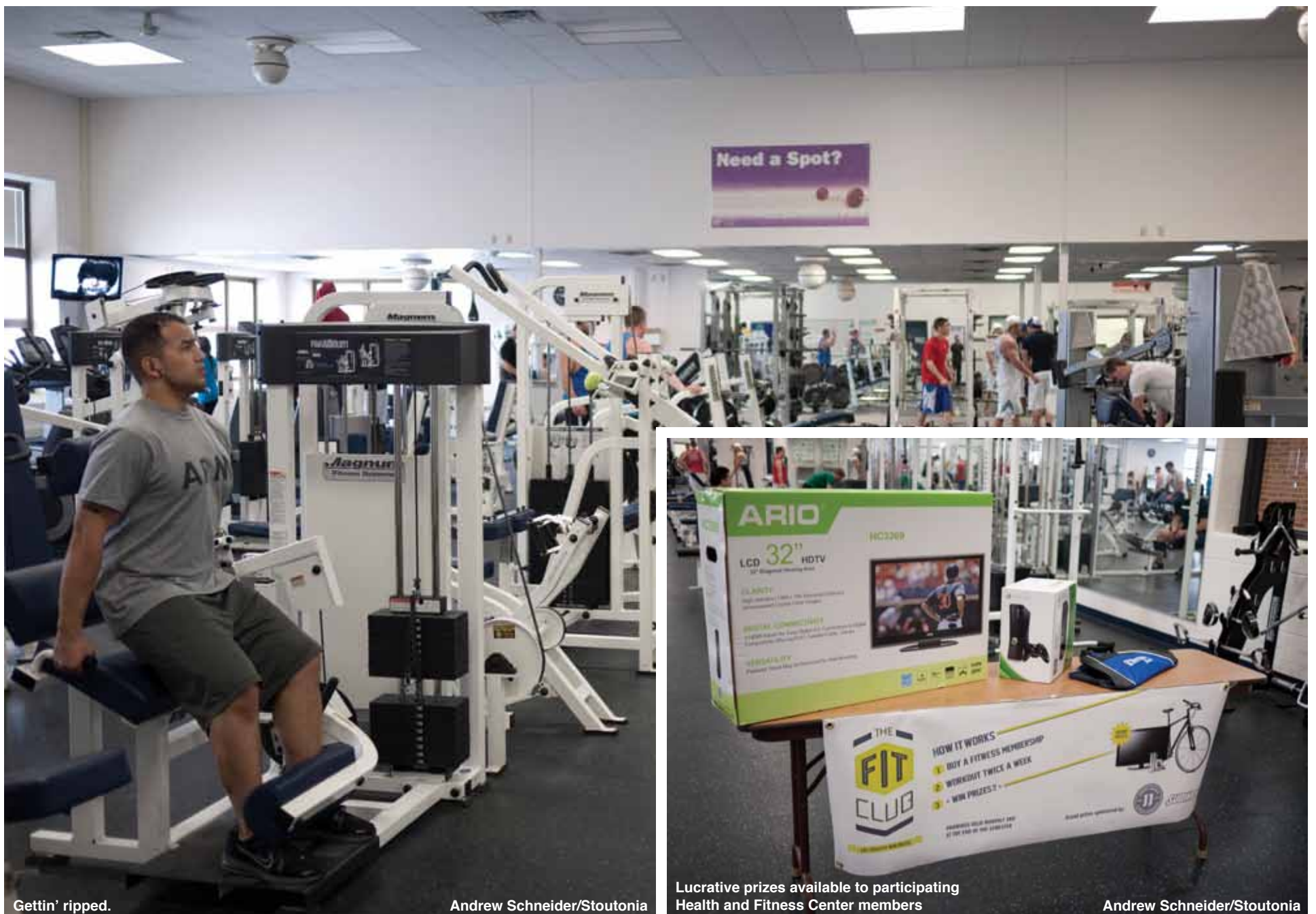
time, undergraduate and graduate students) a gym membership is \$125 for a full year, \$110 for the academic year (September-May), \$80 for a semester, \$60 for the quarter and \$5 for a daily pass. Students can simply sign up online at <http://www.uw-stout.edu/urec/hfc/> or apply in person at the Health and Fitness Center.

With a membership, a student will have access to the latest cardio machines, free weights, weight machines, participate in special events, and be able to join a plethora of

fun group fitness classes.

Many students at UW-Stout have probably made some sort of New Year's resolution to work on their health this year. In reality, most students gave up on that vow around the second week of January. It's not too late, however, to invest in a gym membership and the rewards of a great workout include: more energy and better fitting clothes.

Every student is encouraged to gather their loose change and head to the Johnson Fieldhouse to sign up for a membership today.



Gettin' ripped.

Andrew Schneider/Stoutonia

Lucrative prizes available to participating Health and Fitness Center members

Andrew Schneider/Stoutonia



# 4th Annual Menomin Pond Hockey Tournament: weather from down under

Kou Yang  
Staff Writer

Pond hockey is normally played in sub-freezing temperatures; in order for there to be outdoor hockey in the first place, there needs to be a frozen pond or in this case a lake.

Although the weather has been unusually warm for the 4th Annual Menomin Pond Hockey Tournament, it was anything but unpredictable. It ended the same way it did the previous two years.

Thunder Down Under, a team made up of mostly students from the University of Wisconsin-Stout took the title again for the third year in a row. Behind the scenes, it took a lot of manpower to make the event happen.

"Some days we spent eight to 10 hours plowing, flooding the rinks and shoveling," said Genna Boeckmann, a sophomore at the UW-Stout. "We had to do it at night this year because of the warm weather."

"Weather in the mid-40s made people want to come out to watch hockey," said Boeckmann. With the warm weather, though, well-being was the main issue.

"We try to keep the rinks safe for the safety of the players," said Ryan Roth. "The rinks started to crack and it got sloppy." There were ripples and holes in the ice so maintenance was key for welfare of players and spectators.

It took more than two weeks to prepare and the staff members had to pull an all-nighter the night before the event. "The night before is usually hectic because you might find something wrong," said staff member and referee, Cale Yerigan.

In years past, around 10 teams competed in the tournament, but this year there were 16, the most ever competing in the tournament. Double-elimination was the format, with losing teams going into the consolation bracket.

"It's not too intense," said Yerigan. "There are good players but even people with little experience come and have a good time." (Scores ranged from two to three goals from one team and up to 15 goals for other teams.)

The rules for the tournament are fairly easy to follow. For the most part, the rules include: no checking, the puck can't go above the knees and no shooting until a player is across the centerline.

Most of the teams are made up of students from UW-Stout, but there was a team from Iowa State University that drove more than four hours from Ames, Iowa for the tournament.

"We're friends with students from UW-Stout and they invited us to come play some pond hockey, take a little break from school and have a good time," said Anthony Campbell, a member of the team from Iowa State University.

"I'm from Iowa; we wrestle and that's about it," said Campbell. "But we do play intramurals at school so we decided to come up to improve our skills and see what we could do." Even though the team finished 0-2, it was about coming to support their friends and having a good time.

"We got [beaten] 15-2 in our first game but it was pretty cool and I had a good time," Campbell said. "They didn't shove it our faces; those guys were good and could have beaten us by 25, but they didn't. We had a good time."

After a long day that began at 7:30 am, Square Wheels met up with two-time defending champions Thunder Down Under, in the final for the \$300 prize.

The first half picked up fast for Square Wheels and the defending champs saw themselves trailing 2-4 going into half time; it looked like there were going to be new champions this year.

In the second half, however, Thunder Down Under picked up two quick goals to even the score. Square Wheels scored another goal, but Thunder Down Under proved why they were the defending champions when they added three more goals to become champions for the third year with a final score of 7-5.

"It was more competitive this year and the ice conditions were worse than in years past," said Dino Beaton, a junior at UW-Stout and a member of Thunder Down Under.

Had they lost, they would have had to play Square Wheels again because of the tournament format. "We were so tired that we didn't want to play again," said Beaton. "Having the same guys for the past three years help, too."

After the win, Beaton hopes to be back next year to defend the title. "Every year we think of it as an investment to get our money back," Beaton said. "I owe the win to the team, and we're coming back next year swinging, just hope it's a little bit colder."

"This year was our biggest with a great crowd and competitive teams," said staff member Ryan Brooks.

"Hopefully we get 16 teams again next year, possible more than that, but if we do we will have to make it a two-day event," said Roth. "But 16 is a good place to be right now."

Square Wheels took home \$200 for their second place finish and Windsor took a check for \$100 for placing third.

"We hope to keep this thing going, for people to have fun, play pond hockey and show up again next year," said Roth. Despite the warm weather and poor ice conditions, the tournament was a success.

Can Thunder Down Under to make it four in a row next year? They've proven it three years straight now. On the flip side, can anyone stop them?



Pond hockey in action on the icy shores of Lake Menomin.

Kou Yang/Stoutonia



# Player Profile: Michael Lihрман

**Kelsey Penrod**  
Staff Writer

Winning is never good enough for the University of Wisconsin-Stout's track and field thrower, Michael Lihрман. But isn't winning the ultimate goal one aims for within every sport? To Lihрман, however, winning sometimes just doesn't cut it. From the wise words of Wolfgang Schadler, "Victory isn't defined by wins or losses. It is defined by effort. If you can truthfully say, 'I did the best I could, I gave everything I had,' then you're a winner." To Lihрман, this is what winning truly means.

Lihрман, a UW-Stout sophomore, has been a part of UW-Stout's track and field team since last year. A top competitor in field events, Lihрман excels in weight throw (indoor), hammer throw (outdoor) and discus. Overcoming weight issues in high school, Lihрман geared his new body toward sports starting with his junior year. Joining the track and field team as

well as football in high school, Lihрман shot into his athletic career.

In high school Lihрман was M.V.P. in field events at the Big River Conference, conference leader in shot put and discus, and was high school best in shot put and discus. During his freshman year at UW-Stout, Lihрман was named Rookie of the Year.

With the 2012 season underway, Lihрман has already broken the school's record for weight throw, not just once, but twice.

"I didn't even know I broke it [the school record] at first. That day in general felt sloppy so I wasn't expecting much. When I was done my coach shook my hand. Turns out I broke the record!"

A driven athlete, Lihрман is passionate for his sport. It shows through his charismatic personality and skilled athletic technique. "Throwing definitely puts me in a good mood," Lihрман said, "It's really a motivator for life. It motivates you to practice, learn, research and

grow on your own. Ultimately you are the only one that can truly make yourself better. Just use the resources around to help yourself."

Even though Lihрман is currently fourth in the nation, he still strives for bigger and better. "I can win a meet," says Lihрман, "but if I don't hit how far I want to hit, then it's not good enough for me. That's what drives me." Lihрман's life goal is to compete in the Olympic Games. "Hitting my goals is what inspires me," says Lihрман, "Ultimately, I want to train to be in the Olympics. I could see it happening."

Lihрман is driven to exceed goals and expectations, not from others, but from those of his own. His philosophy is to not compete with others, his drive comes from within.

To cheer on Lihрман and the UW-Stout track and field team, UW-Stout will be hosting the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Indoor Championships this season on Feb. 24-25.

## What 2 Watch 4



upcoming sporting  
events

### ■ February 17th:

- Women's Gymnastics vs. Harley Invitational w/UW-Whitewater, Hamline, UW-Oshkosh in Milwaukee, WI @ 7 p.m.

- Men's Hockey at College of St. Scholastica @ 8 p.m.

### ■ February 18th:

- Women's Basketball at UW-Oshkosh @ 4 p.m.

- Men's Basketball at UW-Oshkosh @ 6 p.m.

- Men's Track at Eastbay/Pointer Invite @ 10:30 a.m.

- Women's Track at Eastbay/Pointer Invite @ 10:30 a.m.

- Men's Hockey at College of St. Scholastica @ 7 p.m.

### ■ February 21st:

- Women's Basketball vs WIAC Quarterfinals in TBA @ 7 p.m.

### ■ February 23rd:

- Women's Basketball vs. WIAC Semi-finals in TBA @ 7 p.m.

### ■ February 24th:

- Men's Track vs WIAC Indoor Championships @ 11:30 a.m.

- Women's Track vs WIAC Indoor Championships @ 11:30 a.m.

### ■ February 25th:

- Women's Basketball vs WIAC Championship in TBA @ 3/7 p.m.

- Men's Track vs WIAC Indoor Championships @ 9 a.m.



Lihрман winding up for a disc throw. Contributed Photo/Stoutonia



Lihрман receiving the bronze. Contributed Photo/Stoutonia



# Balls on ice: KLB hosts annual ice softball tournament

**Kelsey Penrod**  
Staff Writer

This past Saturday, Feb. 13, UW-Stout's local fraternity, Kappa Lambda Beta (KLB), hosted the KLB Ice Softball Tournament. The tournament took place in Menomonie on Lake Menomin. KLB annually puts on the softball tournament during the winter months.

Fraternity President, Jay Mantei, was one of the members to organize this year's event. The KLB Ice Softball Tournament is held to raise funds which go toward a UW-Stout scholarship. The fundraiser began when a Stout alumnus had cerebral palsy and needed financial aid in order to attend Stout. KLB decided to help, raising funds for the student. This marked the start of the annual ice softball tournament

fundraiser. Any student may apply for the KLB scholarship; however it is only received by one student per school year.

When organizing the ice softball tournament this year, advertising was key. KLB created posters which were displayed around the Stout campus. Along with this the tournament was advertised on the Stout website and through the daily Stout online newsletter, Campus Life Today. This KLB advertising helped to attract Stout students who created a team and participated in this annual tournament.

Before the tournament began, KLB set the ice for the tournament. This entailed sweeping the ice free of snow and measuring out the field. The fraternity members then created the baseball diamond using bright spray paint. Bases were then placed along the frozen field. At 9

am the double elimination tournament began. This year the tournament brought in 10 different teams comprised of 10 players per team. A 100 entry fee was put towards the fundraiser as well as tournament prizes. First place received \$350, second \$200 and third place won \$100.

"It was extremely cold!" said KLB President Jay Mantei, "The wind chill was around zero degrees but it was still fun to be at the tournament regardless of the weather! It was hilarious watching people play on the ice as they would slide across the ice from base to base."

Along with the KLB Ice Softball Tournament, the fraternity holds other fundraisers throughout the year for the scholarship giveaway. The KLB Ice Softball Tournament is just one of the Stout campus events which provide fun and athleticism all for a good cause.



## BLUE DEVIL SCOREBOARD

### WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's Women's Track team traveled to River Falls, Wis., for the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Brooks Classic on Saturday, Feb. 11. Alex Titterud, a freshman from Lino Lakes, Minn., broke the school 200-meter dash record and Cheyenne Gray, a sophomore from Gilmanton, Wis., tied the 55-meter hurdle record. Kerry Sullivan, a freshman from Sussex, Wis., was second in the 400-meter dash and Alexa Ahler, a senior from Waukesha, Wis., was third in the 5000-meter.

Next game: On Saturday, Feb. 18 UW-Stout will be at the Eastbay/Pointer Invitational.

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Men's Basketball team faced their rivals, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, in an overtime thriller with a victory for the Blue Devils on Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Johnson Fieldhouse. Carter Ciolkosz, a freshman from Maplewood, Minn., shot the three pointer that sent the game into overtime and hit another three once again in overtime to tie the score at 64. Alex Oman, a sophomore from Lake Elmo, Minn., shot the last point within 13 seconds of the end of the game to give UW-Stout the leg up for the win.

Last game: The Blue Devils played UW-Stevens Point on Wednesday, Feb. 15.

### GYMNASTICS

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Women's Gymnastics team traveled to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and took second at the Triangular on Sunday, Feb. 12. Heather Harmeyer, a senior from Milwaukee, Wis., led UW-Stout with a fourth place finish with her uneven bar score. Genna Boeckmann, a junior from St. Cloud, Minn., also set a personal mark on the uneven bars finishing sixth with a mark of 9.25.

Next game: UW-Stout will participate in the Harley Davidson Invitational at the Frontier Airline Center in Milwaukee, on Friday, Feb. 17.



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9 a.m.

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It already feels like spring break weather, yet, officially, spring break doesn't start for another week. With the peculiar weather lately, will March bring temperatures in the eighties, or will we see record snow-fall? Either way, UW-Stout students are anticipating the break from classes. If you're going somewhere exciting for spring break, grab a Stoutonia and snap a photo of you reading it. Then, tag the Stoutonia in your photo on Facebook for a chance to be published in our post-break issue!



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*"I'd love to get down to the Southwest and soak in the warmth. Mmm."*

– Interim Editor-in-Chief/Opinions Editor, Jerad Maplethorpe

*"Build a blanket fort and drink espresso all day long."*

– Chief Copy Editor, Laura Larsen

*"Celebrating the last week of my 21<sup>st</sup> year."*

– Production Manager, Jamie Olson

*"Balls...what? I'm the sports editor.."*

– Sports Editor, Morgan Pfaller

*"My ideal spring break... go somewhere tropical that is not raining slushies."*

– News Editor, Jessica Vaysberg

*"Carving the slopes of Granite Peak while rocking to some rad tunes."*

– Entertainment Editor, Rose Meier

*"I'm going to live off the fat of the land."*

– Digital Imaging Editor, Nate Eul

*"I'm going to teach my dogs some tricks."*

– Entertainment Layout Designer, Kenzie Owens

*"I'm going to read through all of the old Stoutonias over my spring break!"*

– News Layout Designer, Peter J. VanDusartz IV

# Poverty simulation event

Jessica Vaysberg  
News Editor

Ally Initiatives and University of Wisconsin-Extension are hosting a Poverty Simulation event this Sunday, March 4 at 4 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center.

The event—a part of the "6th Annual Issues of Humanity, Focus on Poverty" program will be split up into 15 to 20 minute segments, each representing a week.

Students will have to decide how they are going to spend each week and fend for their families in poverty-related situations.

The event put on every couple of years and anyone can participate, as long as they register for the event on OrgSync.

"Things will happen in each of the weeks that will parallel the actual poverty level," said Assistant Director in the Involvement

Center Mary McManus.

According to McManus, the simulation has two goals: To point out some of the things that people have to go through on a daily basis to survive and to realize what resources are available for those in need.

"Dunn County is the second poorest county in Wisconsin," said Ally Specialist Fitzie Heimdahl. "I don't think a lot of people, especially college students, know this. The biggest thing is raising awareness."

"It's not a game, it's a role-playing, learning situation. It's not supposed to be fun. Usually by about the fourth week, people are awestruck," said McManus.

"We hope to open students' understanding," said Heimdahl. "We feel like people are ignorant and don't know what it's like to live in poverty. We want to educate people and break misconceptions."

"I hope it will make students more civic-minded and more conscience of how they can move into action" said McManus. "Information is power."

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A man in California showed up to a job interview naked and high on meth.

Two dating websites are being sued for using the photo of a dead soldier in their advertisements.

North Korea has agreed to stop nuclear activity in exchange for food from the U.S.

A Wisconsin man is on death row in Florida for killing two people 12 years ago.

# BRANCHING NEWS

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Jessica Vaysberg  
News Editor

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Underage first offense: 9  
Underage second offense: 4  
Possession of Marijuana: 4  
Possession of drug paraphernalia: 3  
Vandalism: 1  
Disorderly conduct: 1  
DWI (first): 1  
Smoking in residence halls: 1

### Balls to the Walls 2/13/12

A student called to report that they were harassed by another student and were struck in the genitals. The accused said they were not on campus at the reported time of the incident. Neither party decided to press charges. Nobody is that big, no matter what they may claim.

### Furniture Shopping 2/15/12

Someone took a coffee table and a black leather chair from an academic building. It must have been a busy day—they needed a place to take a load off and put their feet up.

### Claustrophobic Problems 2/20/12

A person, later freed, became trapped in an on-campus elevator. They were later

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reported to be claustrophobic. People must have been wondering what all the yelling and pounding was about three buildings down.

### Free Money 2/23/12

A student received a check for nearly \$3000 from another college. Along with the check, the student was told to cash it and then wire the money to someone in Washington DC. Obviously, the check was real.

### Hide Yo' Kids, Hide Yo' Door Decs 2/24/12

Someone keeps coming and pounding on a hall resident's door between 3 and 4 a.m. and then running away. They also have been taking the decorations off the door. This has been going on since last semester, even after the victim switched rooms. Stalker much?

### Kind Soul 2/25/12

Someone left their backpack in a building on campus. It was later turned in with the cell phone and the wallet missing. What a thoughtful person to return the backpack after they stole the cell phone and wallet from it.





## Alcohol news from the Counseling Center

During the month of “March 4 The Health Of It” is providing information regarding healthy drinking and anti-violence. In response to new restrictions on-campus, we are providing some common questions and responses we see in our office. If you have more questions or are interested in a presentation or activity, please feel free to contact Grant Bauste or any of the Counseling Center staff.

Q: “If you get two underage citations do you lose your license for a year automatically?”

A: That depends. In most cases, you have the option of completing an educational component. If you elect to take this educational component, then you keep your license. If you elect to not take the educational component and are found guilty, you would lose your license for one.

Q: “Can you get a Public intoxication citation for just being drunk in public?”

A: The intent of the ordinance is to ensure the safety, health and welfare of public. The Public Intoxication citations are not issued for individuals consuming safe amounts of alcohol. A typical case of a Public Intoxication citation is issued to someone who is incapacitated as a result of an extremely high blood alcohol level.





# Oxfam Hunger Banquet

Claire Mathiowetz  
Staff Writer

Students from the International Meeting and Convention Planning class at the University of Wisconsin-Stout are working together to help the local community. The students of this class, who are part of the Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism major, are throwing a banquet to raise money for those who are less fortunate.

Each year, those who are enrolled in the International Meeting and Convention Planning class plan a fundraiser to help many different organizations. This year, the students decided to put on an Oxfam Hunger Banquet to help fight hunger in the Menomonie/Eau Claire area. Oxfam America is an "international relief and development organization that creates lasting solutions, that fight to end the crisis of poverty, hunger, and social injustice. Together with individuals and local groups in more than 90 countries," according to the organization's website.

This is the second year that the Oxfam Hunger Banquet has been hosted, but this year all proceeds are going to the Eau Claire Area Hmong Mutual Assistance Association (HMAA) to help reduce poverty and hunger locally, instead of just to Oxfam directly.

"The Eau Claire Area HMAA helps first and second generation Hmong families with hunger locally, and the organization also helps with employment options and education and language barriers," said Kelsey Penrod, who is taking part in the event this year.

The banquet will be held Tuesday, March 6 at 2:30 p.m. in Micheels Hall, room 184. The tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from anyone in the class or at the door. At the banquet, people will be divided into three different types of tables: high income, who receive a full meal; middle income, who receive half of that meal; and low income, who receive only a little bowl of rice. This is to get everyone to experience what hunger could be like. There are also activities based around world hunger, video clips and speakers there to share about poverty and hunger in the area.

"I'm looking forward to helping this great cause, especially since we're going to be helping locally. It really makes an impact, so everyone should come and help out," said Penrod.

UW-Stout students are helping to collect bountiful funds for community members in need.

Andrew Schneider/Stoutonia





# Bike incident trial

Jessica Christiansen  
Staff Writer

It's been nearly a year and a half since former student Bradley Simon was involved in an incident at the Menomonie Log Jam tavern, which resulted in his death. Former University of Wisconsin-Stout hockey players Jared Britton and Jedidiah R. McGlasson found themselves in an unanticipated situation in the beginning of the 2010 school year: they were facing charges of being party to the crimes of aggravated battery and felony murder of Bradley Simon.

Due to an altercation that occurred inside of the Log Jam tavern in the early morning of Sept. 18, 2010, Simon, McGlasson and Britton were asked to leave the premises. After leaving the premises, McGlasson and Britton were accused of chasing and pushing Simon off a stolen bicycle, which in result caused Simon to crash into a concrete wall in the 200 block of West Main Street. Simon suffered traumatic head injuries from the collision and was airlifted from the Red Cedar Medical Center in Menomonie to Luther Hospital in Eau Claire, Wis. where he died five days later on Sept. 23.

Britton was acquitted of all charges in July of 2011 and McGlasson's murder charges were dropped in November in an agreement of a plea and pleaded no contest to criminal disorderly content, a Class B misdemeanor.

**"The most emotional part of the sentencing was when Kathy Simon (Bradley Simons Mother) addressed Jedidiah and shared that Brad's death had turned her life upside down and talked about the last memories of her son in the hospital."**

*-Barbara Lyon*

On Feb. 17, McGlasson was sentenced by Dunn County Judge Rod Smeltzer to serve 90 days of jail time, one year of probation, 200 hours of community service, pay court costs of \$243 and participate with the Simons family in the county's restorative justice program. "I would have thought more years in jail, I know there are people that spend longer times in jail for having DUI's or people go to prison for possession of drugs and they didn't kill anyone," said Christopher Schuelke, a friend of Bradley Simon. "Whether you meant to kill

someone or not, you still did." If McGlasson serves 30 days of jail time and completes his community service hours along with the restorative justice by Nov. 30, he will not be required to serve the remaining jail time. "It was very emotional for the Simon family because there was the trial for Jerad Britton, where he was acquitted previously so they already started suffering the anguish and I don't think this was much easier," said Editor of the Dunn County News, Barbara Lyon, who attended

the sentencing. "The most emotional part of the sentencing was when Kathy Simon (Bradley Simons Mother) addressed Jedidiah and shared that Brad's death had turned her life upside down and talked about the last memories of her son in the hospital."

In Nov. 2011, a Dunn County judge dismissed a lawsuit the Simon family filed for the Log Jam tavern, because Log Jam tavern employees did their part to stop the altercation and offered assistance to get Simon home safely. Ad-

ditionally, the judge sided that Simon's injuries took place off the premises so they could not be held liable.

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*-Christopher Schuelke*

McGlasson and Britton will be facing a civil suit in beginning of March 2012 for hospital costs. "I think they should pay the hospital bills," said Schuelke. Schuelke was invited to go out with Simon the night the altercation occurred. "I didn't go out because I had too much homework, but sometimes I wonder what would have hap-

pened if I was with him," said Schuelke.



Bradley Simon's case finally comes to rest.

Jessica Christiansen/Contributed Photo



# Budget Cuts

with officials from the city on downtown redevelopment plans and this may have to be curtailed.”

Collaboration with other UW System universities was discussed as another possible coping strategy.

“We have been meeting with the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire for several months to cooperate in several areas or possible areas: surplus materials, printing, safety, perhaps IT and purchasing,” said Sorensen. “We have not finalized anything, but there is work in progress.”

Meeting the budget cuts is not optional for UW-Stout’s administrators, and minimizing effects to students is necessary.

“First and foremost, we are protecting the instructional mission of the university – stu-

According to Doug Mell, UW-Stout’s Executive Director of Communications and External Relations, campus departments have been notified of their lapse requirements and have submitted plans for addressing these amounts.

A budget lapse is generally considered a one-time reduction; funding is removed from the budget for a specific period of time, and at the end of the lapse the funding is restored to the previous level. According to Chancellor Sorensen, it should be anticipated that some of these lapses will become base cuts.

The Department of Administration does have a proposed lapse for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, and UW-Stout is facing a proposed cut of approximately \$755,200.

**Susan LoRusso**  
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Feb. 15 the Wisconsin Legislature’s Joint Finance Committee approved \$123 million in additional budget cuts for the current fiscal year. The University of Wisconsin System is responsible for the largest portion of cuts, approximately \$46 million, and the University of Wisconsin-Stout’s share of the budget lapse is just under \$1.8 million.

UW-Stout held a budget forum on Tuesday, Feb. 21, where Chancellor Sorensen addressed Stout’s current budget issues and possible new approaches to handling the lapse. One of the biggest issues facing UW-Stout is faculty retention, which also effects recruiting top students.

“We are losing some excellent faculty and staff because there has been no pay increase for four years and a freeze for two more years,” said Sorensen.

At the forum, a few alternatives were proposed to cope with the recent budget cuts. This includes reducing UW-Stout’s involvement in community activities.

Chancellor Sorensen said, “We have worked

dents are the first priority,” said Sorensen. “It is important that students understand that this is our constant goal.”

Budget cuts are generally thought of as negative, but the Chancellor did say that the cuts are forcing UW-Stout to have very clear priorities and to continue to work on efficiencies of the institution.

These cuts do not come as a surprise. In October of 2011, the Secretary of Administration submitted a lapse plan to the Joint Finance Committee, and state executive branch agencies sent their lapse plans to the Department of Administration in November.



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# Harvey Hall renovation

Jennifer Huynh  
Staff Writer

Built in 1916, Harvey Hall is the second oldest building at University of Wisconsin-Stout and it is scheduled for renovation beginning in January of 2014. This is the second renovation phase of Harvey Hall that started off with the Harvey Hall Theater revamp.

The budget for the project is set at \$28.3 million, but depends on the finalized design. Unlike the Memorial Student Center (MSC) which was student funded, this project will be paid for by tax dollars.

Interim Dean Ray Hayes said, "The state came up with a new building; they thought we were a good candidate for it."

The Division of State Facilities is the one that came up with the idea for the new building.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Administration, the Division of State Facilities "is responsible for managing the state's real estate portfolio, staffing the State of Wisconsin Building Commission, and providing facilities for all state programs through capital projects and leased space."

The design calls for minimal changes on the exterior, mostly new windows and roof repair. With the interior, there will be a change of space: updated classrooms, offices, as well

as an addition of conference rooms, a cafe and another elevator.

Another update is the air handler that moves the air in the building as the one in Harvey Hall right now is the original from 1916.

Currently, there is one elevator in Harvey Hall, but there used to be two.

"The elevator shaft where the old elevator used to be is still there," said Hayes.

This original elevator shaft will be used to house the second elevator again.

So far, architectural teams have been narrowed to four - and they are working to narrow it down to one.

Ray Hayes hopes to keep many of the historical aspects of the building throughout this renovation.

"Harvey Hall is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing building to this Downtown Menomonie area—we will have to work with the Historical Society," said Hayes.

Stout has been a place of historical significance. Hayes presented a picture of John F. Kennedy with the Stout Student Association (SSA) President and Stoutonia editor during his visit in 1960, during his visit for the Wisconsin primary campaign speech.

In addition to keeping its historical signifi-

cance, the renovation project is required to build towards the LEED standards-Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

According to LEED.net, "It is a nationally accepted organization for design, operation and construction of high performance green buildings. This ensures the buildings are environmentally compatible, provide a healthy work environment and are profitable."

"We won't necessarily qualify towards all of the standards because that will go beyond the budget," said Hayes.

In addition, the SSA and the LEAN group

are adding the new disposal bins—similar to the ones seen in the MSC—in every building that allow students the option of composting or recycling instead of simply disposing of everything.

The construction is scheduled to end in July of 2016, depending on the sequence of construction. The goals are to either renovate floor-by-floor or expedite the construction by renovating everything simultaneously. This is still being discussed because twenty-five percent of the general classes are located in Harvey Hall.



Harvey Hall: The bathrooms are one of the nicest places in the building.

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# Is Google the next Big Brother?

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Access to information is essential to our modern lives. Our society thrives because we can almost instantly find answers to any of our questions. One company, more so than any other, lead us fingertips-first into this new era: Google.

In 2010, Google Executive Chairman Eric Schmidt said, "Every two days humans create as much information as we did from the dawn of man through 2003." That is a prodigious amount of information, and Google is the gatekeeper.

Besides being a search engine, Google also offers phones, email services, a social network, document sharing software, YouTube and a number of other subsidiary services. So, what would happen if Google abruptly shutdown? Modern life itself would change. We, the people, depend on Google.

On March 1, 2012, Google is enacting its new privacy policy. It claims that it is doing this to unify all of its services under one document, instead of having a different document for each (service). Great, they're trying to make it simple for us. The problem, however, is that simplicity often leads to ambiguity; ambiguity isn't necessarily ideal when it comes to legal documents.

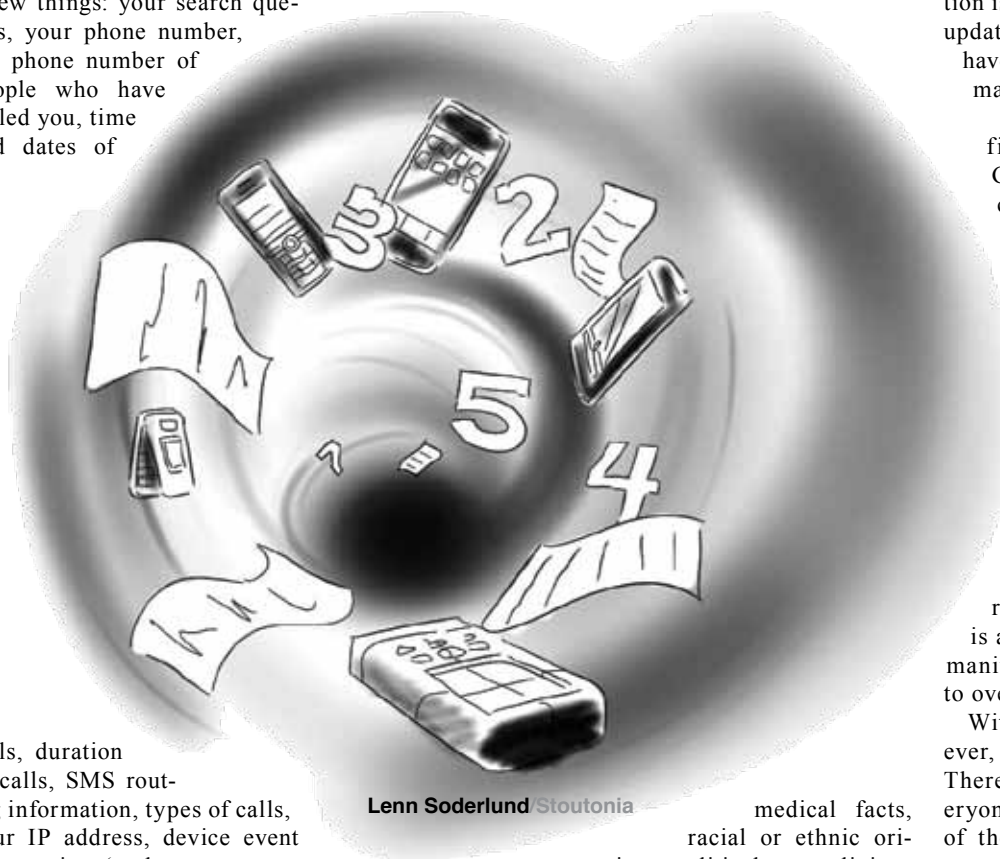
For example, Google likes to emphasize the word "may" in its privacy policy. In regards to location information, their policy states, "When you use a location-enabled Google service, we may collect and process information about your actual location, like GPS signals sent by a mobile device. We may also use various technologies to determine location, such as sensor data from

your device that may, for example, provide information on nearby Wi-Fi access points and cell towers."

To sum it up, Google "may" track you.

What other information can they collect? Their privacy policy mentions quite a few things: your search queries, your phone number, the phone number of people who have called you, time and dates of

won't share any "sensitive personal information" with "companies, organizations or individuals outside of Google" without your consent. It defines "sensitive personal information" as "a particular category of personal information relating to confidential



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calls, duration of calls, SMS routing information, types of calls, your IP address, device event information (such as system activity and hardware settings) and the list goes on.

Google does state, however, that they

medical facts, racial or ethnic origins, political or religious beliefs or sexuality." Oddly enough, this doesn't include any of the personal information included in the previous paragraph.

The privacy policy also provides a statement about accessing and updating your personal information. Ready for some more ambiguity? "Whenever you use our services, we aim to provide you with access to your personal information. If that information is wrong, we strive to give you ways to update it quickly or to delete it – unless we have to keep that information for legitimate business or legal purposes."

The question here is, what qualifies as a legitimate business purpose? Google is an information-collecting company, so it would seem like a legitimate business practice to collect as much information as possible.

Anyway, the document doesn't elaborate on a "legitimate business purpose" but it does comment on legal reasons. These are fairly straightforward and common in privacy policies.

Google is our generation's Gutenberg Printing Press. It allows us to share and discover information in a revolutionary new way. Because we're living during this revolution, we don't readily see how it is affecting the long-term impact on humanity and how we communicate. It's hard to overstate its significance. Really.

With something this momentous, however, it is important to monitor the details. There's no reason to be paranoid, but everyone should have a basic understanding of the company's policies that is fundamentally changing everything.

What will Google do with all of this information that they plan to collect? We have yet to find out...

## Could professors leverage social media to their advantage?

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It's becoming quite apparent that social media websites like Facebook and Twitter aren't only being used for socializing. If Facebook were a country, it would be the third largest in the world. Because of this, has become an essential tool for businesses to interact with their customers. In fact, some businesses are more concerned about having a Facebook page than an actual website. This makes sense, though; it allows them to interact with their customers in a nonintrusive, comfortable environment.

If social media can do this for business, what could it do for education?

The first assumption that I'd like to throw out is that you would have to "friend" your professor in order for this to work. While we

might all retain some type of casual relationships with our professors, we probably don't want them snooping around our photos or reading our complaint-heavy status updates; they just wouldn't get it.

Fortunately, Facebook has a solution- an underutilized solution, in my opinion. They're called "Groups," and they're really easy to setup. A Facebook group consists of a group of users that have the ability to share information with one another on a closed wall or feed- the ideal space for classmates to interact (unless you have a crush on those D2L discussion boards). Plus, you can elect to turn on notifications to prompt you whenever someone shares

something with the group.

I'm curious though, how many University of Wisconsin-Stout professors have Facebook profiles? I know of a few that do, but I imagine many might be intimidated by it. But, if UW-Stout is going to bolster that infamous "polytechnic" title, it might want to lead the way in the Facebook-facilitated classroom experience.

The benefits of this concept are, one, students are on Facebook a lot and, two, students will receive notifications whenever someone interacts with the group. So, if a professor is tired of hearing students complain about not knowing when things are due, they could simply write daily or weekly updates on the group

wall. The students would be notified of an update and could then ask questions directly on the post.

This idea, of course, wouldn't replace D2L, but it would be a useful tool for announcing updates and assisting students in getting to know their classmates, especially in the online classroom setting. Additionally, Facebook groups can create events, upload pictures and share simple documents. The real advantage, however, is improved communication.

It's not a perfect idea, nor am I sure students or professors would really ever be into it, but it might have the potential to relieve a lot of stress- both for students and professors. After all, D2L is great for some things, but Facebook definitely excels in the ease-of-communication category. Oh, and it's free.



# Alternative spring break ideas

We may have just had a big snowstorm, but Spring will be here soon.

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If you're too broke to go on a wild spring break adventure this year, don't fret! Below are a bunch of other options to consider, some of which you'll find practical and useful, whereas others will be highly unproductive but entertaining.

## **Conduct three 64-hour Skyrim binge sessions, which will allow for eight hours of sleep after each session.**

I'm not exactly sure how long it takes to beat Skyrim (I don't personally play the game), but 192 hours should be enough, right?

Here's how it works. At 12:01 a.m. on March 10, you begin your first 64-hour binge. After the 64 hours are up, rest for eight hours. Repeat this process two more times and you will have successfully completed the Skyrim Spring Break challenge. (If possible, try to setup your gaming station somewhere between the kitchen, bathroom and bedroom.)

## **Read two books.**

A few of you will be like, "Only two books? I can do that in an hour." Most of you, however, probably don't read books unless they're assigned to you by a professor, in which case you probably just browse over the bolded headings.

But really, if you're not a reader, spring break gives you a good excuse to start. Pick out two books and calculate how many pages you'll need to read per day to complete both of them by the end of break. If the math turns out to be too difficult for you, then reading is probably the least of your concerns.

## **Think up a 30-day challenge, and begin.**

We're all busy people. So, how do busy people learn new, interesting things when they're short on time? By conducting a 30-day challenge.

Think of something that you want to learn but that you haven't had time to pursue. For example, learning HTML. This might seem like an intimidating task, but if you break it up over the time span of 30 days, it becomes very manageable. Spend a half an hour every day concentrated solely on learning one thing. Spring break is a good time to start because you can get into the daily habit of working on your 30-day challenge.

## **Turn off the technology.**

Can you turn off your phone, computer and iPod for two, three or four days? It sounds simple, but most of us would probably give up in frustration. But, if you do try it, you'll probably realize how intimately connected our generation is with technology. It might even concern you a bit.

## **Volunteer for something.**

Volunteering helps people and looks great on a resume. It'll probably help alleviate some boredom, too!

## **Prepare your 2012 Doomsday Bunker.**

Don't wait until summer to build your bunker. By then, supplies will be limited and you may not have enough time to complete construction. Once you have committed to building your bunker, stop shaving and stop bathing. This will indicate to your friends and family members that you are serious about this project, which will make it easier to recruit their help. You can also entice them by saying things like, "Hey, if nothing happens, at least we have a nice potato cellar."



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# Grocery store street smarts

Rose Meier  
Entertainment Editor

A series of guided tours will begin on March 6 at the Menomonie Market Food Co-op aimed to teach about the healthiest and most nutritional food options that are available locally. The "Walk the Grocery Store" program is offered by the Mayo Clinic Health System – Red Cedar in Menomonie and is open to patients and the community free of charge.

The guided tour of the Menomonie Market Food Co-op will feature several samples and recipes for people to take home.

"[Attendees] will learn about food sources, organic options, finding the healthiest foods and tips on how to pick out more nutritional options," said Tanya Young, Membership and Marketing Manager at the Menomonie Market Food Co-op. "The Menomonie Market Food Co-op wants people to learn how it differs from other grocery stores."

According to Young, the costs of eating healthy depend on a person's lifestyle, and she suggests that buying in bulk can be cost effective.

"When people want to eat healthier, they should try the bulk section of the Co-

op," said Young. "In that section, they can find lots of items they can prepare and use throughout the week."

Eating healthy does not always mean taking more time to prepare food. The Menomonie Market Food Co-op offers plenty of products that only require adding hot water.

"If you plan your week and eating, you will find that you can actually get your food done quicker, for less money and much healthier than a traditional grocery store fare or fast food," said Young.

Young says that focusing on healthy snacks, such as pita bread with hummus or an organic apple with almond butter, is one thing that you can do now to encourage healthy eating habits.

"Incorporating healthy snacks with water throughout the day will fight the temptation to snack on items that are not healthy for you and the water will give you a feeling of fullness," said Young.

The Menomonie Market Food Co-op tours begin at 4:30, 5:00, and 5:30 p.m. on March 6. Other guided tours take place at Lammer's Food Fest (March 8), Walmart (March 27), and Marketplace Foods (March 29). To attend a tour, register by calling 715-233-7464 and leaving a voicemail with your contact information.

Do you frequent the on-campus dining options? University Dining Service offers an online weekly menu with nutritional information at <http://plateanalysis.uwstout.edu/>.

Director of Dining Service Ann Thies says that it is possible for students to make healthy food choices on campus.

"At the stations [in the cafeterias] there are so many options," said Thies. "If you want to eat healthy, you can."

There are many food stations that allow variety, such as the stir-fry station, the deli, the taco area, and the salad bar. There's also a variety of beverage choices besides pop at no extra cost, including real juices, milk and soymilk.

There are also plenty of healthy food options in the Memorial Student Center.

"I think that's one thing that's an advantage to people in the student center – we have a lot of build-to-order stations," said Thies.

Registered Dietician at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, Lisa Eierman, says that balance is key to eating healthy.

"Getting a variety of food choices from all of the different food groups [is important]," said Eierman.

## The Lunchbox

Menomonie Market Food Co-op offers daily lunches for dine in or take out from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

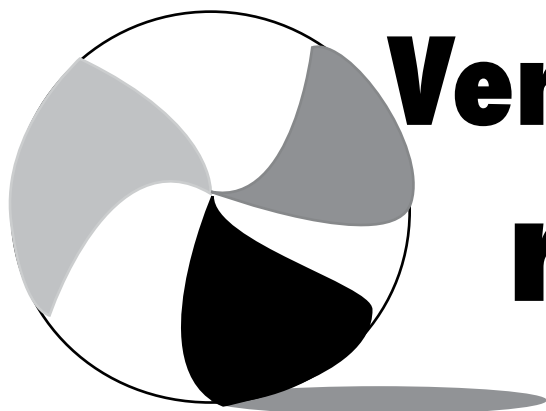
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# Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance review



Jeff Gebert  
Staff Writer

"Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance" is the unwanted sequel to 2007's mediocre "Ghost Rider." If you were hopeful that this movie would make up for the 2007 movie, then prepare to have those hopes crushed.

The film is directed by Mark Neveldine and Bryan Taylor. Neveldine and Taylor are known for their work on the movie "Crank," a fast paced action packed thrill ride, and the crazy lengths they go to in order to get the right camera shot. While filming this particular movie, they literally strapped on roller-blades and sped down the street chasing cars while holding a camera. The dedication pays off because the action scenes are pretty entertaining, but are not entertaining enough to make up for the movie's script.

The plot centers around Johnny Blaze (Nicholas Cage), currently in self-exile in Romania, who is trying to try contain the curse that turns him into flaming skull-headed demon that seeks out the guilty. After he learns that the devil is trying to take human form through a child named Danny, Johnny must use his curse to stop the devil. As if the su-

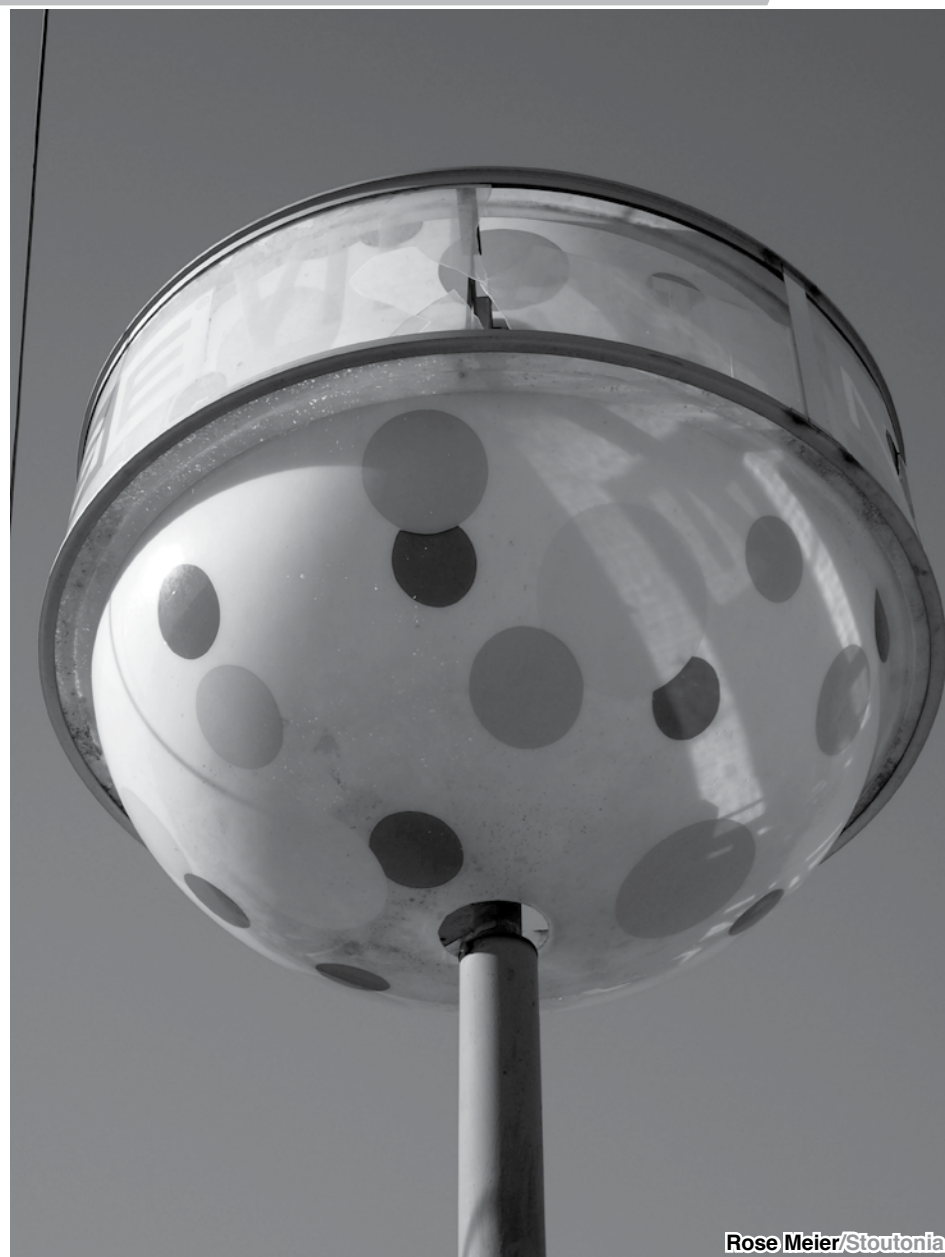
per generic plot wasn't bad enough, "Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance" has lame jokes and one-liners littered throughout. Like the phrase "road kill" uttered after a guy gets run over by a car.

Nicholas Cage is a "love him or hate him" kind of guy, and I consider myself to be on the "love him" side of the spectrum. True, he stars in nothing but bad movies nowadays, but his craziness earns my approval. When Cage starts freaking out trying to hold in the Ghost Rider, it's pretty entertaining.

The first 30 minutes or so of the movie is pretty decent, but afterwards, the movie slams on the brakes, and becomes incredibly boring.

Believe it or not, this movie manages to be even worse than the 2007 original. I'm a fan of "Ghost Rider;" after seeing the trailer for this movie, I thought it looked great, and couldn't wait to see it. I don't remember the last time I was this disappointed with a movie. It's one of those movies that shows all the good parts in the trailer. If you've seen the trailer, you might as well give this movie a pass. Hell, even if you haven't seen the trailer, give this a pass.

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# Adventurers embark on three-day dog sledding trip

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Staff Writer

On Feb. 17, a group of University of Wisconsin-Stout adventurers went to Bayfield, Wis. for a three-day dog sledding trip.

Stout Adventures, part of University Recreation, hosts trips and outdoor based outings such as canoeing or hiking. Previously, the group has gone rock climbing, backpacking and skiing. They have also taken a kayaking trip to New Zealand.

During their trip to Wolfson Adventures in Mushing, a dog sledding organization in Bayfield, Wis., the group also went hiking, walked above sea caves, went snowshoeing, and had a bonfire. Bayfield is about a three and a half hour drive north of Menomonie, and overlooks Lake Superior.

The dogs were all Siberian Huskies. There were six students and one leader mushing through the hilly frigid landscape. The students learned how to lead a team of dogs through the trail.

Kari Parks was one of the six women lucky enough to go on the trip.

"We didn't go that fast because we were in a line," said Parks. "My dogs wanted to keep going fast, but you couldn't go fast be-

cause there's people and dogs in front."

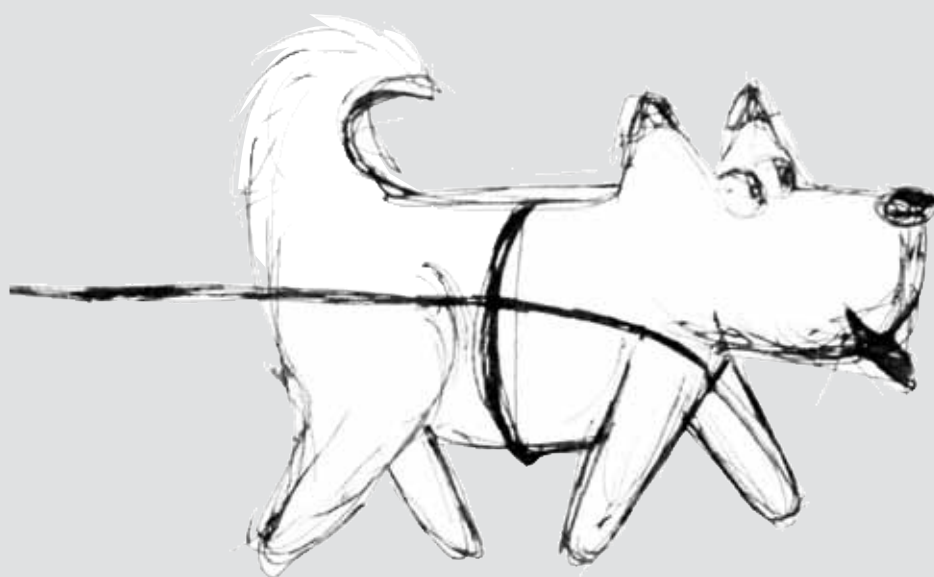
Parks doubts that she would have ever gone dog sledding if it wasn't for the group.

"With Stout Adventures, you can try new things that you thought you could never do," said Parks.

After sledding on the trail, the adventurers fed the dogs and put them back into their kennels.

Over spring break, Stout Adventures will be offering a kayaking trip to Lake Powell, Utah for a 10-day trip filled with adventure. For adventure opportunities in the great beyond, Stout Adventures is definitely worth a look.

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# Kony 2012

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Staff Writer

On the night of Feb. 27, three campus organizations hosted an event, showing students the harsh reality of the conflict in central Africa. The Social Science Society, Black Student Union, and the Ally Initiatives for Civil Rights and Civic Responsibility informed over 90 students about Invisible Children's campaign to bring an end to one of the worst human rights violators of our time: Joseph Kony.

Oyella Jane, a guest speaker from Uganda and witness to the atrocities done by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), spoke to the group.

Joseph Kony, the leader of the LRA, is listed number one on the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity. His crimes include abduction, murder and slavery. What he is most known for is abducting children at a young age and forcing them to be soldiers. He has been doing this since the 1980s and Invisible Children wants to make 2012 the year he is stopped.

So far, Invisible Children has raised money to help efforts to build schools and give remote villages in central Africa the ability to communicate activity of the LRA and warn other villages of their presence. They have already been instrumental in getting the United States government to send military advisors to help the Ugandan Military catch Kony in the jungle. Now the biggest thing Invisible Children has to do is keep the United States interested in helping Uganda so our military advisors stay there. They plan to do this by making Kony a household name.

On April 20, Invisible Children is organizing an event

where posters with Kony's name will be put up all over the nation. When everyone knows his name and what he has done, then justice will be demanded.

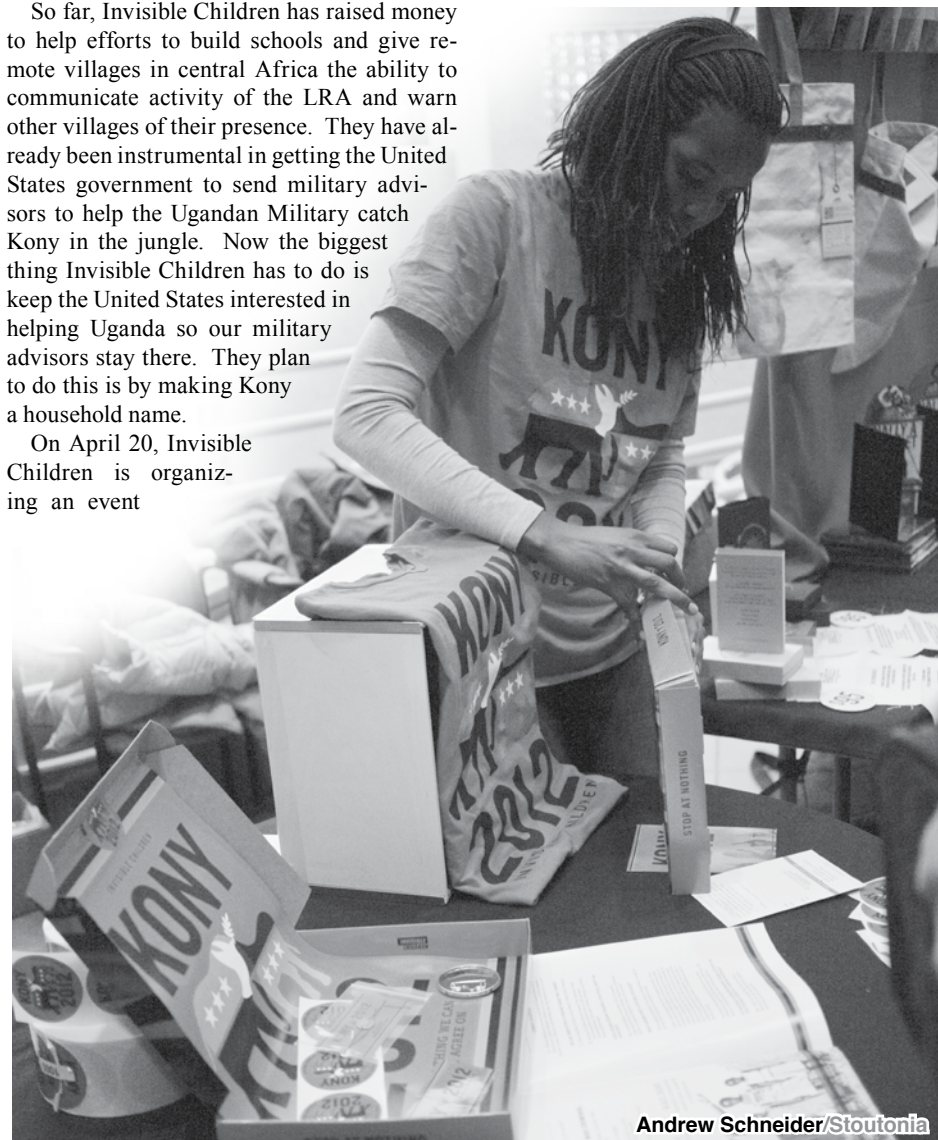
Jane came with Invisible Children to the University of Wisconsin-Stout to give students a first hand account of the violence going on in central Africa.

"I've come to talk on behalf of these people," said Jane. "There is no peace and yet we believe that peace is a fundamental human right."

Jane lost many family members to the war going in Uganda, but was able to confidently share her story and motivate the students to get involved.

"Kony always came to look for the youth," said Jane. "The youth are a target to so much destruction and if we get the youth acting, the world is going to be changed to a better place."

Kony saw the usefulness of the young, exploited them and has remained in power for too many years. Only by the youth can he be stopped. Invisible Children wants to make that happen in the year 2012.



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Oyella Jane, guest speaker from Uganda.



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*Staff Writer*

You don't have to be a student in the Apparel, Design and Development or the Retail Merchandising and Management program to enjoy everything the fashion and beauty industries have to offer. A relatively new organization on campus, Fashion Art Beauty (F.A.B.), allows students from all backgrounds and majors, with these interests (in fashion, art, and beauty) to come together to assemble publications similar to the periodicals we currently read today.

"[It] started out as an outlet for fashion students to be engaged in developing their skills and knowledge of fashion into a publication," explains Editor-in-Chief Abrianna Thao. "But the more we explored with the idea of having a publication, we wanted (more than just all fashion students) to have the opportunity to share their passions. That's when we decided to incorporate art and beauty, giving it a broader perspective."

This year, F.A.B. magazine has been re-vamping the organization after some minor dilemmas threatened its existence. With a new editor-in-chief, the group is deciding to take a new direction for the publication including the overall look and layout of the magazine, and adding a range of activities throughout the school year to help members better understand the process of magazine production. An example of their activities includes having faculty members teach short workshops about a specific subject that every member will benefit from. As with many organizations on campus, F.A.B. magazine also wishes to incorporate numerous team building activities to bring the group together. It's an opportunity to gain not only magazine building experience, but create lasting friendships with people that share enthusiasm towards fashion, art, and beauty.

"We will also be finding opportunities to volunteer and promote the magazine to the community," said Thao. Promotion will include fundraising and advertising Menomonie businesses within the magazine.

Amidst the renovation of the organization, F.A.B. members are currently working hard to put together their spring issue, which should be distributed near the end of April.

"We just hosted our first model call and will be having a photo shoot on Tuesday March 6 for our first fashion spread in our magazine," said Thao.

A new aspect of the magazine is that each issue will be themed as far as the cover and the photo spread. The theme for the upcoming issue is "Modern Disney Princesses," putting a modern twist on a girl's favorite tales, including Jasmine, Tiana, Mulan, and Cinderella. "Each princess has something to teach us," said Thao, "And we want to relay those things to our readers through our photo spread."

Thao is really excited about how far the magazine has come and hopes that it will become a legacy in the future.

"It was just an idea that a group of friends had and now it is a student organization. It has been great to be a part of creating it, but it would be even better to see the magazine, continued to be used as a creative tool. I hope that F.A.B. will become something that everyone reads and knows about."



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Back row L to R: Carly Williamson, Abrianna Thao, and Jessica Vaysberg  
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# P.S. VISTA REVIEW

Hassan Javaid  
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Unlike nearly any portable console before it, the PlayStation Vita has every feature you could wish to have: graphical power to stand up close to home HD consoles, a button scheme that features two analog sticks and all the buttons, a touch screen, a rear touch-pad, a gyroscope and even Augmented Reality features.

If there's a feature that's been used before, in either the portable or home console space, the PlayStation Vita has that functionality and feature. It's simply put, one of the most technologically advanced portable systems we have today.

The size of the system is a lot bigger than the PlayStation Portable, and features a glorious organic light-emitting diode screen to provide some truly amazing visuals. The PlayStation Vita feels surprisingly light in the hand and is extremely comfortable to hold regardless of your hand size. The dual analog sticks work beautifully and the buttons are extremely responsive and easy to use. Control and comfort was definitely one of the key features stressed upon in the design of the PlayStation Vita.

**"It's easy to recommend the PS Vita as a stellar system that any gamer wanting to play console level game experiences on the go."**

In terms of battery life, considering its impressive visuals and features, the PlayStation Vita can sustain itself for an impressive five hours of run time, provided you have features like 3G turned off. The PlayStation Vita comes in models which includes, the 3G version and the Wi-Fi version. The 3G version is locked to

AT&T and demands a blanket fee of \$15 a month with a 250 megabyte bandwidth limit. The limited amount of data, coupled with

a data plan fee to rival most smart phones in price, makes the 3G version the less desirable of the two. The 3G version is also slightly more expensive, edging in at around \$300, \$450 more than the \$250 Wi-Fi model. The wireless works great with both models, so from a price stand point the Wi-Fi version is the easy choice.

Capability wise, it's easy to recommend the PlayStation Vita as a stellar system that any gamer wanting to play console level game experiences on the go should get. The important thing though, is the games that launch with the PlayStation Vita. To this end, Sony has done what very few if any console manufacturers

have done before, and created a launch lineup of around 26 games with another 9 titles to follow and around 50 more titles confirmed to be in production for the system.

Enough said, the launch lineup for the system is impressive, made even more so with heavy hitters like "Uncharted: Uncharted Golden Abyss," "Ultimate Marvel Vs. Capcom 3," "Ninja Gaiden Sigma Plus," all ranging in price from \$45-50. Smaller but equally impressive titles like "Super StarDust Delta" and "Escape Plan" at \$10 each. All in all, there's something for every type of gamer in the launch lineup for the system, which is beyond

impressive when compared to its competitor the Nintendo 3DS.

With all that said, your interest in purchasing a PlayStation Vita largely depends on what kind of a gamer you are. If you enjoy the sorts of games that Sony makes for its other systems, and if you even remotely liked the PSP, then this system is a sure buy for you. However, if you are not interested in the launch lineup of games, then its best to take a wait and see approach given the expensive barrier of entry. Whatever you may end up doing, it's safe to say that the PlayStation Vita is dedicated portable gaming's biggest weapon against the impending competition from smart phones.

★★★★★  
**4.5 out of 5**





# FIVE GOLD MEDALS AND NEW RECORDS

## FOR THREE BLUE DEVILS AT WIAC INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS



One of UW-Stout's vaulters makes a gold medal attempt.

Andrew Schneider/Stoutonia

**Kou Yang**  
Staff Writer

Several individual performances gave fans something to cheer about at the 2012 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Indoor Track and Field Championships, hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Stout on Feb. 24-25.

Daniel Drewek, a senior from Athens, Wis., and Jessika Smith, a sophomore from Onalaska, Wis., got things started on Friday with two individual titles. Drewek captured the pole vault title with a leap of 16-10 3/4, and Smith captured the long jump title with a mark of 18-1/2. With the win, Drewek became the fourth individual to claim three conference pole vault titles.

"I am very proud to be on the short list of names to win three indoor conference championships," said Drewek. "I couldn't have done this without hard work and a lot of luck. Also, I have to give credit to the great coaching staff that helped me along the way."

Drewek and Smith continued their streak on Saturday and were joined by Tim Nelson, a senior from Augusta, Wis., to give the Blue Devils five gold medals and five new inscriptions in the record books.

Drewek finished with 5021 points in the heptathlon (an event featuring seven events), setting a new fieldhouse record, and breaking the mark of 4283 points. Drewek also received the Max Sparger Scholar-Athlete Award.

Smith added the pentathlon title, breaking the school record set by Anne Guthrie last year. She finished with 3265 points, breaking Guth-

rie's mark by two points.

"I was more concerned with my competitors than the record. Everyday I go to a meet with the mindset 'I have to win' and I had that as my priority throughout. The record was the icing on the cake, but not the priority," said Smith.

"I'm not quite satisfied with where it is at, though. It was definitely a great experience to have Anne Guthrie there to cheer me on as I broke her record; she and I joked about it afterwards. My goal at Nationals is to re-break the record," Smith said.

Nelson broke the fieldhouse, conference and school records when he captured the 3000-meter title. Nelson broke the record held by Blue Devil Hall of Famer Jeff Wachter, setting the new mark with a time of 8 minutes, 15.47 seconds.

"It's great to be mentioned with the great Jeff Wachter, who I regard the greatest Stout runner of all time," said Nelson.

"To run my last race at home was sad, but the crowd, and my teammates were the loudest and wildest I have ever experienced, which made it special. I was very happy with my race and to finally win a conference championship in track was a moment I'll never forget," said Nelson.

"However, I want to give credit to our whole team. We had the best conference meet we've had in years, and my distance teammates Justus Bibeau and Mitch Easker finally established themselves as elite conference runners. As a whole, the team is really moving forward," said Nelson.

Look for the Blue Devils to continue their run in the outdoor season.



An athlete makes their way over the high bar in the pole vault event.

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The Blue Devils race to the finish.

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## ■ March 3rd:

- Men's Track and Field at Pointer Qualifier @ 10:30 a.m.
- Women's Track and Field at Pointer Qualifier @ 10:30 a.m.
- Women's Gymnastics at WIAC Championships/NCGA West Regional @ 4 p.m.

## ■ March 7th:

- Softball vs St. Olaf College (DH) in Rosemount, MN @ 10 a.m.

## ■ March 10th:

- Women's Track and Field at NCAA DIII Indoor Championships @ 9 a.m.
- Softball vs. Washington University in St. Louis in Clermont, FL @ 3 p.m. (ET)
- Softball vs John Carroll University in Clermont, FL @ 5 p.m. (ET)

## ■ March 11th:

- Baseball vs. Marian University (DH) in Phoenix, AZ @ 11 a.m. (PT)
- Softball vs Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (DH) in Clermont, FL @ 1 p.m. (ET)

## ■ March 12th:

- Baseball vs Dordt College (DH) in Phoenix, AZ @ 11 a.m. (PT)
- Softball vs Ithaca College in Clermont, FL @ 3 p.m. (ET)
- Softball vs Lesley University in Clermont, FL @ 5 p.m. (ET)

## GYMNAST PROFILE: KATHERINE PROUTY

Kelsey Penrod  
Staff Writer

One University of Wisconsin-Stout freshman has made a huge "flip" into the Blue Devils gymnastics team. Recruited from Oregon, Wash., Katherine Prouty took no time in becoming acclimated to her new Wisconsin environment.

"I came to Stout because of gymnastics," said Prouty. Along with studying packaging,

37.975 at the four-team Harley Davidson Invitational in Milwaukee, Wis. Her other personal bests were recorded in all of her individual events: first on vault (9.675), fourth on bars (9.225), third on balance beam (9.425) and seventh on floor (9.650).

As well as participating in the Harley Davidson Invitational, Prouty was named Gymnastics Specialist of the week during the Jan. 31 meet. On this occasion she beat three of

relies on her coach to come up with a tailored routine so she can focus on the sport's skill. "The judges look for many things dealing with your routine," said Prouty, "They look for confidence, technique and are very knipicky. Gymnastics has definitely helped me grow in this way. I have learned how to deal with struggles in a positive way and appreciate the detail."

To Prouty, gymnastics is not just an individual sport; a lot of it comes down to team



prouty has started her college career juggling school and gymnastics. Prouty has an enormous amount of gymnastics experience that she brings to meets.

"I started gymnastics when I was four years old," said Prouty, "My parents got me into the sport and my mom was a gymnast herself."

Prouty was named Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Gymnastics All-Around of the week during the Feb. 17 gymnastics meet, where Prouty beat five of her personal best scores. She received her best collegiate-best score of

her personal bests: winning vault (9.525), receiving third in floor (9.3) and received second in the all-around (36.975).

Prouty is also a four time Level 10 National Participant, a part of the All-Regional Level 10 Team and has received a High All-Around Level score of 37.10.

"I love the thrill of it," said Prouty. "The thrill of competing and the adrenaline you get. It is awesome." Each member of the team completes and practices routines for each of their individual events. Some gymnasts create their own unique routines, while others look toward their coaches for support. Prouty

effort. "If you're using your efforts toward the team, then you are doing it for yourself too. My team really keeps me going and the Stout team has become a family to me," said Prouty.

The Blue Devils rigorously practice Monday through Thursday in preparation for meets. Team bonding is also promoted within the group to create a sense of community. With teamwork and dedication, Prouty is a positive addition to this year's UW-Stout gymnastics team. As a college freshman, she will be continue the program in future seasons.



# Wisconsin hockey teams to leave the NCHA

Kou Yang  
Staff Writer

Conference realignment has been one of the major stories in all of college athletics the last couple of years. Most of the discussions, were concerning Division I athletics. However, it is affecting Division III teams as well, schools that do not offer athletic scholarships.

The Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) has announced that its men's and women's ice hockey teams, five schools within the University of Wisconsin System, will be leaving the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association to compete within the WIAC starting in the 2014-15 academic year, leaving St. Scholastica and the defending Division III men's champions, St. Norbert, as the only two

schools left in the NCHA.

WIAC made the announcement at this time to give all current NCHA institutions the opportunity to seek out future conference alignments.

"The decision to leave the NCHA was difficult because of the history and success of the league," said WIAC Commissioner Gary Karner, adding that financial challenges and the composition of the NCHA were among the main concerns that led to the decision.

"We (WIAC) recognize that our decision to withdraw from the NCHA will have a profound impact on the future of that conference. Out of respect for the non-WIAC member institutions of the NCHA, we had no interest in leaving the conference without providing sufficient notice and it is our intention to engage in a dialogue over the next two years that will ensure the vi-

ability of Division III men's and women's ice hockey in the upper Midwest for many years to come," said Karner.

In an interview with Fox 11 of Green Bay, Karner said that travel costs, combined with having to manage two conferences, led to the unanimous vote to withdraw from the NCHA.

"The NCHA has a long history of being a strong and formidable college hockey conference," said NCHA Commissioner Bill Kronschnabel. "The withdrawal of the WIAC teams from the NCHA in 2014 will definitely alter the landscape for DIII Men's hockey in the West. I would expect the remaining members to fully explore all options during the next two years and proceed in a manner consistent with their own institutional best interests and the best interests of DIII hockey (Men's and Women's) in the West."

The WIAC allows private schools to be affiliated members. Finlandia currently plays in the WIAC for men's soccer, and several women's gymnastics teams are affiliate members. Karner said that no such offers have been extended, but the WIAC would consider applications from any teams that wanted to join the WIAC for hockey.

One major problem facing the WIAC hockey league is that it will not have an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament; five schools aren't enough to qualify. Even if it adds two more members, a two-year waiting period may apply without a waiver.

The league has not discussed how it might create a schedule come the 2014-15 season. Karner does not expect the rest of the WIAC schools to add hockey.

# Stout batters up the baseball season with two new staff additions

Kelsey Penrod  
Staff Writer

The Blue Devils' baseball team add two new members to their coaching staff for the 2012 season. From Roseville, Minn., Toby Gardenhire, became Stout's new head baseball coach. The team also gained Webster, N.Y. native, Adam Curynski as the new assistant/pitching coach.

Toby Gardenhire, son of the manager for the Minnesota Twins, Rob Gardenhire, officially received his title as Stout's baseball head coach on Jan. 17. With an intense baseball background, Toby Gardenhire is more than fit to fill this position for the Blue Devils. A graduate from the University of Illinois in 2005, Gardenhire played ball continuously during his college career. Beginning at the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith Junior College, Gardenhire began his baseball college career as the team's infielder. He then transferred to Southwest Missouri State, followed by the conclusion of his college career in Illinois. Once receiving his Bachelor's Degree in Community Health from Illinois, Gardenhire continued on the path of his baseball dreams. In 2002 and 2005, Gardenhire was drafted by the Minnesota Twins. Here he played with the organization's minor league teams for seven years from 2005-2011. During his play time for the minors, Gardenhire began his aspirations for coaching. "I really like college baseball," says Gardenhire, "I've always wanted to get back into it. When the chance finally came, I thought it would be a great opportunity."

Gardenhire began his coaching pedigree as a defensive fielding instructor with LPA

Baseball in Roseville, Minn. from 2005-2009. Then from 2009-2001, he became a hitting and fielding instructor with the Twins Training Academy located in Blaine, Minn. Now, Gardenhire is the 28th coach within the Stout baseball program which first began in 1909. "I've always wanted to give back to the younger guys," says Gardenhire, "I feel that I have gained a lot of knowledge about the sport and feel that I could help others. If I can help someone be a better person and player then that's what I'm excited about."

The Blue Devils' new head coach is eager for this year's season and realizes Stout's great potential and talent. Gardenhire expresses how the players are extremely hard workers, good students, and have quickly adapted to his coaching style. "I want the opportunity to help the baseball program improve. You want to ultimately win, but sometimes it's not all about that. I want us [Stout] to be better than the year before."

Along with the team's new head coach, Stout's new assistant coach, Adam Curynski additionally has not been a stranger to the baseball field. For two years Curynski was the pitcher for NCAA Division I, Southern Illinois University. He then set off to play a season of pro baseball with the Texarkana Gunslingers of the Independent Continental League.

Like Gardenhire, Curynski's passion for the sport translated into coaching. In 2009 he began coaching at Southern Illinois as an assistant coach, and then as head coach in 2010 at Bishop Kearney High School based in his hometown of Webster, NY. From here, Curynski continued as the

pitching coach for two different baseball leagues up until 2011. He then became Director of Baseball Operations in 2011 for the Pro Sports Academy in Punta Gorda, Fla. The gained experience, passion and love for coaching subsequently brought Curynski to Stout. "My goal here is to get the team 1% better each day. We want our guys to be better players, students, athletes, and ultimately better human beings,"

says Curynski, "Today is the only day that counts so we can only focus on that."

These two new coaches are an immense asset to Stout's baseball coaching staff this season. With the new staff's drive, passion and knowledge, the Blue Devils team will be lead by some of the best in the sport today. The team will soon be able to show off their new-gained knowledge, skill and Blue Devil horns during the 2012 season's first home game on March 31.



Gardenhire (left) and Curynski (right).

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# BLUE DEVIL SCOREBOARD

## SOFTBALL

The University of Wisconsin-Stout had a double header against Bethel College and Concordia University Wisconsin on Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Sports Bubble in Rochester, Minn. The Blue Devils won 12-3 in five innings against Bethel and lost 5-3 against Concordia. Alison Gray, a junior from St. Cloud, Minn., led the Blue Devils with four runs batted in against Bethel.

The Blue Devils play St. Olaf College in a double header on Wednesday, March 7.

## ICE HOCKEY

The University of Wisconsin-Stout had two players named to the first team of the All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) hockey team and two named as honorable mention. Branden Gay, a senior from Calgary, Alberta, repeated as a first team choice and Jordan Tredinnick, from Onalaska, Wis., made his first appearance on the honors team. Forward Kevin O'Donnell, a sophomore from Stoughton, Wis., was a repeat honorable mention choice and forward Zach Vierling, a freshman from Coon Rapids, Minn., was also an honorable mention selection.

The Blue Devils will participate in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association Finals Saturday, March 3.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's basketball team faced the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in their final game that resulted in a victory for the Blue Devils on Feb. 18 at Titan Stadium. Shelby Sterba, a freshman from Tony, Wis., and Katelynne Folkers, a freshmen from Fall Creek, Wis., led the team to a 65-60 win with a free throw.

The Blue Devils will return to the court next year in the 2012-2013 basketball season.



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Beau, envious of his brother's recent nomination to become the University of Wisconsin-Stout's official mascot, has gone mad with rage. Worse yet, his chemistry teacher has given him an F on his midterm for attempting to produce a dangerous new superhuman elixir. He was last seen running like a maniac to Hoffman Hills, mumbling something about his eventual revenge...



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## Opening Thoughts from the Editorial Staff

What would your super power be?

*"I would like the power to set the due dates for my homework assignments, or to get rid of them completely..."*

– Interim Editor-in-Chief/Opinions Editor, Jerad Maplethorpe

*"I want to be able to make perfect toast. There's nothing better than bread and butter!"*

– Chief Copy Editor, Laura Larsen

*"Procrastination, the power to ignore mounds of homework and the ability to wait until the last minute to complete an assignment."*

– Sports Editor, Morgan Pfaller

*"My preferred super power would definitely be to be able to fly."*

– News Editor, Jessica Vaysberg

*"Carving the slopes of Granite Peak while rocking to some rad tunes."*

– Entertainment Editor, Rose Meier

*"Time control - so I can fast forward to graduation!"*

– Ad Manager, Karisa Schroeder

*"Super hero power? Pyrokinesis! I'd love BBQing by thinking about it!"*

– Online Manager, Hassan Javid

In the last issue of the Stoutonia, there was a factual error. Dunn County was stated as the 2nd poorest county in the state, when in fact it is the 4th poorest.

### Students To Congress: Don't Double Student Debt Rates

With the student loan interest rate about to double this July for almost 8 million loan borrowers, the federation of state Public Interest Research Groups (U.S. PIRG) and coalition student and youth partners delivered over 130,000 letters to Congress urging a different plan.

"Today student voices will be heard loud and clear by delivering over 130,000 letters to lead-

# Students To Congress: "Don't Double Student Debt Rates"

ers in Congress. Our message is simple: Don't double student debt rates," said Rich Williams, Higher Education Advocate for US PIRG. "Rising college costs, tight family finances and uncertain job prospects pack a triple whammy for student borrowers. In this economy, the last thing we should do is double the interest rates on student loans."

If Congress does nothing, the average subsidized Stafford loan borrower would have \$2,800 in increased student loan debt over a 10-year repayment term. Borrowers who assume the maximum \$23,000 in subsidized student loans will see their interest balloon to about an additional \$5,000 over a 10-year repayment period and \$11,000 over 20 years.

Students like Northern Arizona University freshman Tyler Dowden can't handle more student debt. "If student loan interest rates increase I will pay more than

\$3,500 extra in debt, leaving me with almost \$30,000 in loans when I graduate. I am already worried about my ability pay my loans back, adding several more thousand puts me further behind."

Samantha Durdock, a sophomore at University of Maryland College Park, currently has \$8,000 in subsidized Stafford loans and expects to borrow another \$15,000. "Even though graduation is several years away, I am worried about the amount of debt I will have. I might not go to grad school as I have planned, to avoid more debt. If interest rates double, the

extra debt might also impact my ability to pay basic expenses like rent."

Subsidized Stafford loans are provided to almost 8 million low and moderate-income students each year and do not accumulate interest while the borrower is in school. If Congress does nothing, on July 1 interest rates on these loans will double from 3.4% to 6.8% on new loans.

US Senator Reed (D-RI) and Representative Courtney (D-CT), authors of legislation to prevent interest rates from doubling, addressed a large group of students before the letters were delivered. US PIRG with Rebuild the Dream, Campus Progress and the United States Student Association delivered

130,000 letters from student borrowers to House Speaker Boehner, House minority leader Pelosi, Senate Leader Reid and Senate minority leader McConnell.

Lawmakers can support the effort to keep interest rates from doubling by passing H.R. 3826, sponsored by Rep.

Courtney, or S. 2051, sponsored by Senator Reed. President Obama has proposed a 1-year freeze on interest rates in his budget request to Congress, a step in the right direction to make interest rates on student loans more responsive to trends in the economy.

*"Even though graduation is several years away, I am worried about the amount of debt I will have. I might not go to grad school as I have planned, to avoid more debt. If interest rates double, the extra debt might also impact my ability to pay basic expenses like rent."*

–Samantha Durdock

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<http://www.uspirg.org>.



Tim Tebow was  
traded to the New  
York Jets.

A man in Mississippi was  
sentenced to life in prison  
for a hate-crime murder.

A man in Georgia found what  
he believes to be meth labs  
underneath his rental home.

A gay marriage repeal  
bill was turned down  
by the House in New  
Hampshire.

A 7.4 magnitude earthquake  
hit Mexico. Thankfully, no  
deaths were reported.

A new study found  
that taking aspirin  
each day may lower  
one's risk of cancer.

Celebrity chef Gordan  
Ramsay is suing a Montreal  
restaurant for \$2.72 million.

# BRANCHING NEWS

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Jessica Vaysberg  
News Editor

## ~~Smooth~~ CRIMINALS

Tales of stupidity  
from Menomonie

### Citations Issued

Feb. 26 - Mar. 18, 2012

Underage first offense: 15  
Underage second offense: 2  
Possession of Marijuana: 1  
Possession of drug paraphernalia: 1  
Operating a vehicle without insurance: 1  
Traffic/Speeding: 1  
Theft less than \$100: 3  
I.D. card violation: 1

#### Gas Guzzler

3/4

It was reported that someone's fuel door was open when they got to their car in a parking lot on campus. Police arrived and found about 12 other cars' fuel doors were opened by someone as well. Apparently, someone was desperate.

#### Procrastinator

2/27

It was recently reported that someone lost the key for an office on campus. In the report, the person also stated that they had lost the key several years ago. Better late than never!

#### Keyless Entry

3/7

A vehicle was stolen from a lot on campus. The vehicle's owner had the only set of keys for the vehicle with him. Hopefully this guy has good insurance!

#### Panty Thief

2/29

A female reported that five pairs of her underwear were stolen from the dryer in one of the residence halls. She believes it was a male suspect who was in the laundry room at the time she put her laundry into the machine. The suspect doesn't have class on Saturday or Sunday...but at least he has panties for Monday through Friday now.

#### Hotel Gas Station

3/18

Someone drove drunk to a gas station in town, and got permission from employees in the gas station to sleep in their car in the parking lot. Police arrived and conducted an investigation. A complimentary continental breakfast wasn't included in the deal.



# SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE CLASSROOM!

Claire Mathiowetz  
Staff Writer

As college students, we have had multiple teachers through the years. We have experienced dozens of different teaching styles from strict, seemingly oppressive teachers to laid-back, nonchalant professors. Not only have teaching styles changed from teacher to teacher, but in our more fast-paced, technology-driven world, we're seeing the styles change from semester to semester.

At the University of Wisconsin-Stout, many teachers have started to experiment their teaching methods with different social mediums. Dr. Amanda Brown is one of the teachers who uses Facebook in the classroom. Brown utilizes Facebook in her Public Speaking class.

"Facebook helps in my class when students are doing group speeches together. Students have a hard time getting ahold of each other, and using Facebook becomes an easy way to communicate, share graphs or research, and it has been very affective," Brown said. She also noted that D2L does have a group feature, but most students don't use it.

Brown is a strong advocate of using social media in the classroom to help prepare you for future employers. She said that students are adults training to become professionals. From Facebook to Twitter, teachers are showing how social media can be beneficial not only with your homework, but within the workplace as well.

"By making you a better student, you end up being a more successful professional. If a student learns how to use social media professionally as opposed to just socially, such as not just posting photos, but editing what to speak or what to share, then using social media in the classroom has served its purpose," Brown said.

While Brown utilizes Facebook, Dr. Daisy Pignetti makes the most of Twitter and blogs in her classes. Pignetti uses Twitter with her freshman classes and blogs for her graduate students to engage them in a way other than using D2L.

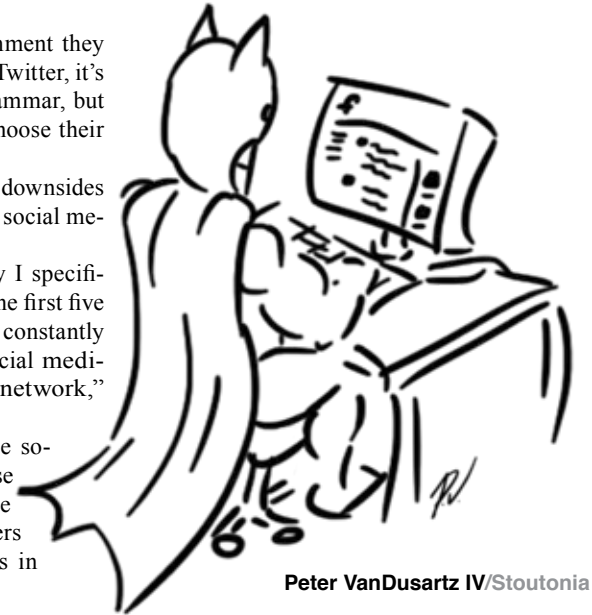
"I think it changes things up a bit with freshman. For the first five minutes of class, I turn on Twitter and have the students use it like a discussion board where they post two questions or

comments about the reading assignment they had. It's a lot faster than D2L. With Twitter, it's not necessarily an evaluation of grammar, but it teaches the students to quickly choose their words wisely," Pignetti said.

Pignetti said she can also see the downsides of why some teachers might not use social media in the classroom.

"It can be distracting, that's why I specifically have it for freshman for only the first five minutes of class, so students aren't constantly tweeting. I also think that some social mediums take awhile to learn and network," said Pignetti.

Not all teachers at UW-Stout use social media in the classroom, but those who do have been following these mediums for years. More teachers may utilize them in the classrooms in the future.



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You might find yourself on this website in class more often than you should!

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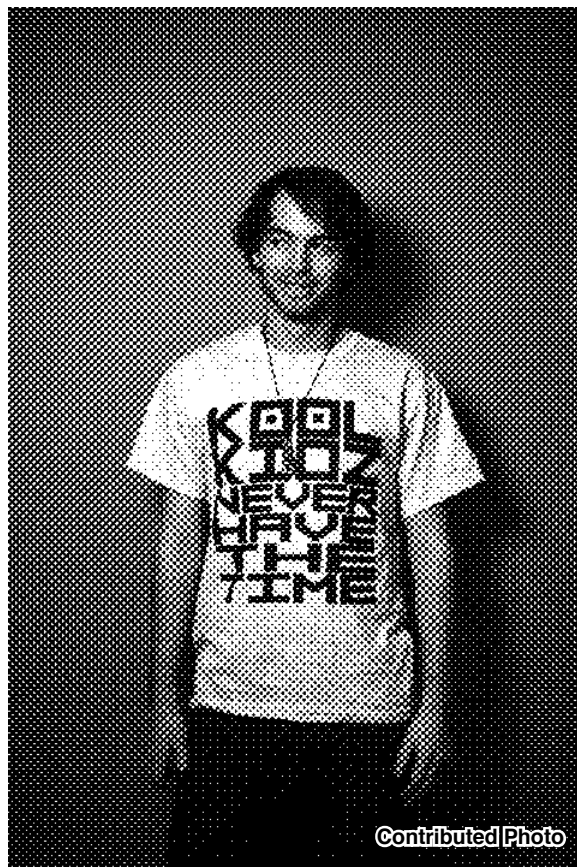
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Jessica Christiansen  
Staff Writer

If you think you have to pursue only one of your dreams at a time, you are wrong. Students David Connell, 21, and John Egli, 21, are in their junior year at the University of Wisconsin-Stout and are pursuing two different interests at once: scholarship and personal enterprise. They met each other on their first day at college at UW-Stout and are pursuing different majors. Connell has a major in prop-

erty management and Egli is a supply chain management major. "Our majors really have nothing to do with clothing or retail or anything," said Connell.

Connell and Egli created a clothing company known as "Kool Kidz Don't Have the Time," however it is also referred to in a shorter form as "Kool Kidz Clothing." The company is a limited liability corporation, which started in February 2011 with just an idea that came to mind by Connell and Egli.

"A lot of people think are name came from the group 'Smashing Pumpkins' from the 70s, but that's not true; we had no idea who those people were, we were just sitting around in our dorm one day when the name popped into our head," said Connell.

After they established the name of the company, Connell and Egli ordered about 200 hundred shirts and discovered that they were selling fast within the first week of being on the market. "We decided to promote it hard on Facebook and gained a little over 6,000 fans within a year; I think it's important that people take the time to like the

page," said Connell.

Currently, Kool Kidz Clothing does not have a store location and sells their shirts primarily online. "Something we are looking forward to doing is getting our clothing into stores locally," said Connell. Since the Kool Kidz Clothing business began, Connell and Egli have added two additional people; Jamie Berger, who helps with marketing and taking orders and Jeremy Cooper, a graphic design student at UW-Stout who works on the clothing designs. "We all have our input, but he's [Cooper] the one going to school for graphic design so he helps make it happen," said Connell.

"Our style kind of reflects a lot of people we sponsor: skateboarders, snowboarders, people in bands. It's just a fun style," said Connell. Although Kool Kidz Clothing's online presence is effective, it does present struggles. "We have a lot of fans over-seas, especially in Asia, so sometimes it gets difficult to ship an order to someone so far away with the prices of shipping," said Connell.

Currently, Kool Kidz Clothing has five different designs available, priced at 12 dollars with shipping, online. However, if they sell their clothing at a performance they are sponsoring, then the clothing sells for ten dollars. In the next few weeks, Kool Kidz Clothing is planning to release five new designs and is also working to find a way to gear their cloth-

ing to both guys and girls. "Our website makes it look like it is only geared towards guys, but we are kind of at that state where we are trying to come out with a lot of new stuff," said Connell.

In five years, Connell wishes to see the clothing line in clothing stores. "Life takes you in many directions, and just because we are majoring in one thing doesn't mean we can't grow with something else too," said Connell.

"It has been a really rewarding experience; I mean when you see someone wearing your clothes, that you don't know and they don't know who you are, but you know they're wearing your clothes, and it's the best thing ever," said Connell. "The advice I would give to someone trying to start their own clothing business would be to create something that you like and create it with people you like. If you do both of those things, other people will most likely enjoy your products and you will have fun in the process."

To learn more about Kool Kidz Clothing check out their Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/koolkidzneverhavethetime>



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# KOOL KIDZ NEVER HAVE THE TIME

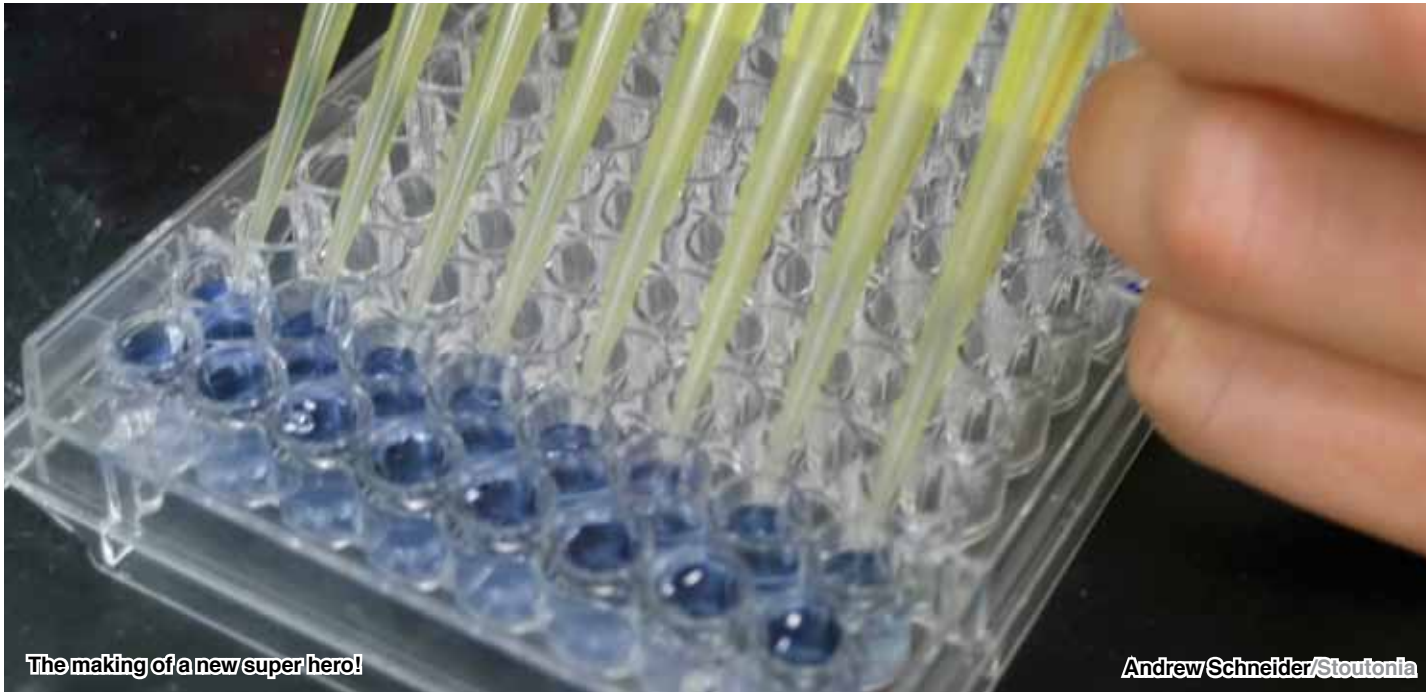


KOOL KIDZ showing off their new swag.

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# Research at UW-Stout



The making of a new superhero!

Andrew Schneider/Stoutonia

**Jennifer Huynh**  
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Research Services will be coordinating several research-related events over the course of several days during April. These events will include the UW-Stout Research Gala, UW-Stout Research Day, as well as the UW-System Symposium for undergraduate research and a creative activity where UW-Stout students will also travel to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

The UW-Stout Research Gala is an invitation-only event to celebrate student research accomplishments and the National Symposium on Undergraduate Research is for students who are traveling to present and showcase their research at UW-Parkside. In addition, the students participating in the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) will travel to present their research in Utah.

The UW-Stout Research Day is for both faculty and students, and will take place at the Memorial Student Memorial Center in the ballrooms and Great Hall on Tuesday, April 24. This event will include posters and oral presentations, and as well as an awards ceremony.

Another event that Research Services facilitated was Posters in the Rotunda, a research event that took place on March 7, 2012. Six undergraduate students from each UW-campus were selected to present their research in the Rotunda of the Wisconsin State Capital building. Students and faculty advisors filled the state capital building to share their undergraduate research with legislators, state leaders, UW alumni, and other supporters.

"It is good experience to speak in front of people about what you researched," UW-Stout researcher, Susan LoRusso said. "The more you put yourself out there, the more you may get published."

According to the UW-Federal relations, the Posters in the Rotunda were a "unique opportunity to educate our state legislatures about the value of undergraduate research."

Six UW-Stout students, nine faculty members, several staff and alumni—including UW-Stout provost Julie Furst-Bowe—attended the event.

"Senator Sheila Harsdorf as well as our UW-Stout Provost stopped by to visit and ask our students about their research, which shows that we have others who are interested in our student research," said Susan McClellan, Student Research Manager of Research Services. "The students were delighted by the show of support."

These research events are essential to meeting the UW-Stout Focus 2015 Goals.

As stated in the Focus 2015 Goal Statement, the plan is to "expand early learning opportunities, including undergraduate applied research," and "institutionalize undergraduate research, creative activities, and entrepreneurship across all disciplines."

To aid in research preparation, students have been a part of the UW-Stout Research Club. This organization promotes student research, and scholarly as well as creative activities on the UW-Stout campus. Active members receive help with funding for their research poster and traveling expenses. This club will meet

on Wednesdays, March 21 & April 18 at 6:30 pm at the Glass Lounge in Price Commons.

Research is not limited to math and science; it is inclusive to many majors, including the arts.

"People are under the misconception that it is just science, but there are other areas of study too," said Vice President of the Research Club Linnea Heintz.

Involved students can apply for grants and submit articles to be published in the Journal of Student Research.

Not only does research help with the success of students, but it is needed for graduate schools that require two or more research experiences.

"For the students, it gives them a whole new learning experience," said McClellan. "Students want to attend a university that has a robust student research program; retention figures show that students who are involved in research early on are more successful academically and in their careers."

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# TURN IT IN!

Claire Mathiowetz  
Staff Writer

In this technological age, the Internet provides anything at the tip of our fingers. A few strides of the keyboard combined with a couple clicks can have you searching for millions of results online. However, this can be seen as a benefit and a hindrance. In school, many teachers worry that students will just find and copy papers online and turn them in.

That is where Turnitin comes in. Turnitin is a website where students can submit their papers and professors can compare those writing samples with other papers online or in their database to see how original, or unoriginal the papers may be. Basically, the website detects if the paper is plagiarized or not.

Turnitin has been used by individual teachers for many years with their own subscription, but

now is being utilized by schools on a campus-wide basis. In 2008, Dr. Kathleen Thomas made efforts to bring Turnitin.com to all teachers at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Last January, Turnitin became a feature embedded in D2L for the entire UW-School Systems. Every time students turn in a paper or assignment to D2L, it automatically gets sent to Turnitin.

When the integration of Turnitin and D2L was made, Kathleen Thomas helped with testing to make sure it worked and gave workshops that taught teachers how to use it.

However, this integration has spurred controversy within the University of Wisconsin-Stout and other schools. Dr. Matt Livesey, Program Director of the B.S. of Professional Communication and Emerging Media, believes that having Turnitin connected with D2L is a problem.

"Student papers are technically student re-

cords, according to the Department of Education. The D2L dropbox integration sends papers to a third party, without removal of identification of the student, and this is done without the student's awareness," said Livesey.

There have recently been court cases about Turnitin being connected with D2L. Turnitin says they are compatible with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). FERPA is a federal law in which a student must provide a signed and dated written consent before education records, or personally identifiable information from education records is disclosed, according to the Department of Education. However, teachers are saying that Turnitin being connected with D2L violates FERPA.

"As long as personal identification is removed, then there wouldn't be a problem. However, currently the dropbox feature doesn't

remove identification," said Livesey.

Kathleen Thomas however, thinks differently. "From what I read in the court cases, Turnitin has upheld their end and hasn't violated any laws," said Kathleen Thomas.

Also, Joan Thomas, Dean of Students, is an advocate of the D2L connection.

"The benefit is that students know this is an expectation of the course, they turn in their paper themselves, and they get feedback on what may be inappropriately cited but also writing help. It is more consistent in application and is proactive and educational," said Joan Thomas.

Joan Thomas also said that having students understand at the beginning of the course that they will be submitting their work to Turnitin via dropbox eliminates any concern with student privacy rights and treats all students equally.

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# SPINDLE TREE

Susan LoRusso

Staff Writer

Spindle Tree, Inc. is a new non-profit organization in Menomonie hoping to provide positive change to at-risk teens and young adults.

"Our mission statement is to support youth and young adults by providing practical, emotional, and creative support, allowing individuals to focus on developing their strengths and internal resources, in order to empower them to live independently and make healthy choices," said Tosha Larson, founder and executive director of Spindle Tree.

Spindle Tree is truly a labor of love for Larson and the organization's volunteers.

"I think I have dreamed about doing this since I was a child," said Larson. "Too many kids slip through the cracks, they don't have anyone to turn to. I could have been one of these kids, if no one ever supported me. That

is our goal at Spindle Tree – to support young adults, so they can get to a place they want to be in life."

In the summer of 2011, Larson began reaching out to teenagers at the Menomonie skate park by providing lunches. After speaking to several of the teens, Larson felt that Menomonie had a need for a safe and supportive environment for teens and young adults.

"I wanted to create a place that doesn't have the stigma of similar organizations," said Larson. "We are about taking the time to form relationships."

Larson enlisted the help of other Menomonie residents, who shared her vision, to form this grassroots organization.

"I use to be one of these kids," said Yusef Kazemzadeh, Spindle Tree's music program

director. "I have a tremendous amount of empathy for these kids. We are not trying to show them where they went wrong, but instead how they can be healthy productive adults."

This summer, Spindle Tree will be hosting art and music studios and possibly gardening and carpentry workshops.

"We want to provide job skills that will help young people find work to sustain a lifestyle, and so they can feel pride in their work," said Kazemzadeh.

In early March, Spindle Tree was officially incorporated, and the non-profit is currently looking for a location to house the organization. They will be applying for foundation grants, but are currently surviving on private funding.

University of Wisconsin-Stout students are welcome to seek-out Spindle Tree if they feel they are in need of their services.

The organization also offers opportunities for students who want to contribute to their community.

"We need help with fundraising events and with our workshops," said Kazemzadeh. "This can be fun for students and it is a good cause."

"Students can feel good about contributing to the universe," said Larson.

"We want people to notice us, so we are starting off with a bang," said Kazemzadeh. "Our first event is a lingerie and combat boot bake sale dance party."

The event will be held at Acoustic Café on Friday, March 23 at 8 p.m. There is a \$3 cover charge.

For more information contact  
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Spindle Tree, Inc. on Facebook.



Yusef Kazemzadeh

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# Hmm, what to bee...

Anne Gunthrie  
Contributing Writer

When Danielle Thuemling came to the University of Wisconsin-Stout for the Applied Science program, she had her heart set on a career in the medical field. Instead, however, she is performing original research on honeybees, turning the heads of entomologists across the nation.

Although most UW-Stout students would not give a second thought to honeybees, Thuemling and her academic advisors have targeted a parasite that is causing problems in honeybee colonies nationwide. Their hope is to control the mite infestation and to troubleshoot a component cause of colony collapse disorder (CCD), a devastating occurrence that eradicates complete colonies.

The problem is that parasitic mites weaken the bees. This particular parasite feeds on the bees' hemolymph—the equivalent of blood—and significantly shortens their lifespan. In addition, the mites, like many parasites, transmit a number of deadly diseases.

Honeybees, as pollinators, play a fundamental role in agriculture and horticulture. Too often, this important element is overlooked. They are widely considered the main

insect to pollinate flowering plants, including many fruits and vegetables that are readily available at supermarkets nationwide. If CCD prevails and honeybees are eradicated, the quality of the nation's agricultural products could drop drastically.

Thuemling is currently investigating the problem as her senior thesis with the help of Dr. Stephen Nold's Molecular & Cell Biology I students. She is hoping to uncover differences between the gut bacteria of the honeybees and the mites.

"We hope to target a specific bacterium found in the mites that is absent in the bees as a means for control," Thuemling said.

James Burritt, a biology professor at UW-Stout, has been bee-keeping since he was in high school. When he started his practice, bees were considered disease-free. Unfortunately, times have changed. He tends to two colonies of bees—both of which are growing in the presence of the parasite *Varroa destructor*.

"At first, I was upset. I didn't know about the mites and I assumed that the bees I had purchased were disease free," Burritt said.

After discovering that all bee colonies in Wisconsin are growing in the presence of the mite parasite, he took to the lab.

At the time, Thuemling was enrolled in Bio-

technology with Nold, a strong supporter of classroom research at UW-Stout.

"I am trying to get students to do original, meaningful research in the classroom. It helps students learn more about science and helps shape their careers," Nold said. "It's a very powerful tool as an educator."

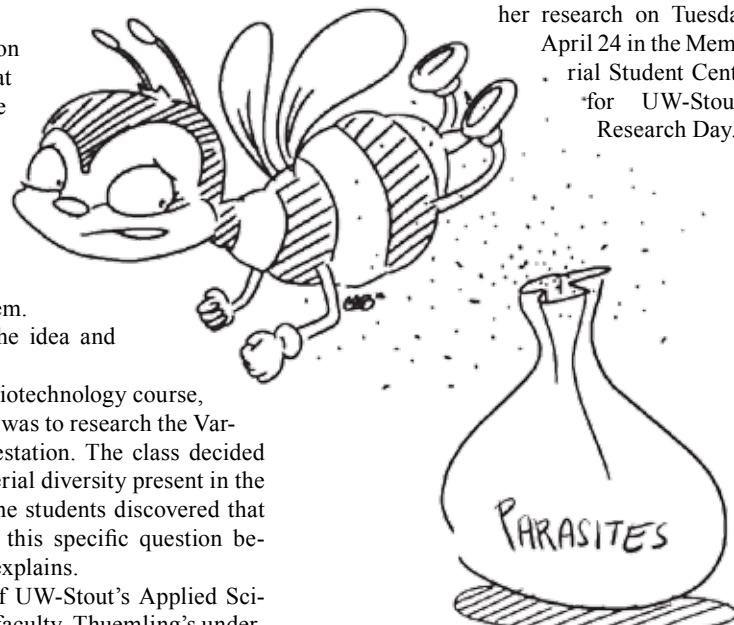
This hands-on philosophy is what spurred the bee and mite project. Burritt and Nold teamed up and included their classes in their investigation of the mite problem. Thuemling took the idea and ran with it.

"In Dr. Nold's Biotechnology course, one of the projects was to research the *Varroa destructor* infestation. The class decided to survey the bacterial diversity present in the gut of the mite. The students discovered that no one has asked this specific question before," Thuemling explains.

With the help of UW-Stout's Applied Science students and faculty, Thuemling's under-

graduate research project has thrived, with the promise of producing groundbreaking results. Although she is still pursuing her degree with the intention of attending medical school, this experience has opened her eyes to new opportunities and expanded her research skills.

Thuemling will be presenting her research on Tuesday, April 24 in the Memorial Student Center for UW-Stout's Research Day.



Lenn Soderlund/Stoutonia

## How would you feel about a potential employer looking through your Facebook profile?

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Imagine that you've been invited to interview with the company you've been dreaming of landing a job with. You've done your background research on the company, attended a mock interview (provided by the University of Wisconsin-Stout Career Services department) and have picked out the perfect attire to make a striking first impression. Everything seems to be in order.

Finally, the day you've been anticipating arrives. You nervously introduce yourself to the hiring manager—otherwise known as the demigod or goddess that controls the fate of your future—and begin answering their onslaught of questions. As the interview progresses, your confidence swells. You've prepared brilliantly. But, just as you think the interview is about to conclude, the interviewer asks one last thing of you: "Will you log onto your Facebook account for me?"

Dumbstruck by this request, you sit still, mentally cataloging the horrible, indecent or otherwise narcissistic status updates, photos, "likes" and friends that

you've accumulated over the years. Maybe it's better to save face by just getting up and running out the door? Wait, can this even really be happening?

Unfortunately, it can, and it's becoming more popular among hiring managers. But, is this even legal, and how should you react if it happens to you?

### How would you react?

Contemplate for a moment what you would actually do in this situation. If you're one of the few people that doesn't have humiliating content on Facebook, you've lucked out; you can proudly show off your clean, pristine account. If, however, you know your roommate may have just posted a picture of a RADAR formation that resembles the shape of a penis, you're probably sweating balls (of sweat).

Minnesota Public Radio (MPR) posed this same question to their audience. The responses ranged from sensible to conspiratorial.

"As an IT person I 'HOPE' that was an HR 'test' question to see how susceptible the job candidate was to 'social engineering' security breaches," said a nearly-anonymous respondent, Ben. "If the candidate was

'foolish' enough to give an almost TOTAL stranger their Facebook password, then I wouldn't want to hire them. If they protested and said NO WAY, then they would be savvy (sic) enough to be considered to be hired."

"This enables potential employers to see much information about a candidate that is inappropriate or illegal to use in hiring decisions - religious and political views, sexual orientation, racial background of family and friends," said Carol. "Soon employers who do this will find themselves subject to discrimination suits."

"To ask someone for their [username] and [password] for their personal account is nothing short of communism," said Jason Johnson. "We need to start protecting our liberties in America with a lot more passion, or all those people that gave their lives for our freedom could have just given up a long time ago."

It wasn't all negative, though. Nick agreed to comply as long as "they agreed to play [him] in Words With Friends."

### The employer's ephemeral loophole

For now, if you're confronted with this

awkward question, you're going to have to fend for yourself. (Maybe it's a good time to prepare, you know, just in case.) However, I'm fairly confident that this type of Facebook invasion will soon be banned. As Carol mentioned above, Facebook accounts often include information that would be deemed inappropriate for an employer to ask about. The only reason it isn't illegal (yet) is because this practice hasn't become commonplace. Once you start hearing people complain about it happening to them, the judicial branch will have to look into it.

In my opinion, the companies that are asking potential employees to share their Facebook lives are doing themselves more harm than good. Whether we like it or not, we have different personas for different situations. If you're at the office, you're likely to play your "professional" role. If you're online interacting with your friends on Facebook, though, you're probably more interested in sharing less-than-office-appropriate material. After all, it's for entertainment. I guess that's the risk these companies are willing to take.



# History of Comic Books - The Highlights

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Comic books hold an important role and place in pop culture, perhaps due to the popularity of super heroes; it wasn't always like this, however, and comic books have their own detailed and rich history. While the story of how comic books rose out of the 90s and then settle in to what they are today would require a book in itself, the bare essentials are as follows.

Comic books emerged from three major parts of the world: the United States, Europe and Japan. In the United States, comic books came out of comic strips that appeared in newspapers around the late 19th century. The first comic book to appear in a form close to what we see today was in 1933-34 period. At the time, the major popular release was known as "Famous Funnies", which, as can be imagined, was a 16-page book that contained comic strips similar to what had previously only been seen in newspapers. This is known among comic book historians as the "proto-comic book" or "platinum age." Things had finally begun for the medium that would later be known as comic books.

The next major "age" for comics, known as the golden age, was considered to have been around the late 1930s to early 1950s. This was the age where superhero comics made their debut. Some of the most famous superheroes that exist today as popculture icons, such as Batman, Superman, Captain America and Wonder-Woman all came into existence during this time. The beginning of the golden age of comics is actually attributed to Superman's first appearance in Action comics, issue No. 1.

It was the creation of Superman that made comic books into a major industry. The character of Superman really resonated with audiences at the time, as he is considered by many scholars to have been based on the biblical story of Christ adapted for the current age. Regardless of why Superman did so well, he went on to not only create the comic books industry, but also pave the way for other superhero comics, such as Batman, Wonder-Woman, Green Lantern, the Human Torch (yes, the Human Torch pre-dated the Fantastic Four) and Captain America.

The other major advent of the golden age, was that comic books also became recognized as a mainstream art form. Also interesting to note, is that World War II had a significant impact on comic books, as many of these super heroes were featured in war propaganda stories and books of the time.

As the second world war came to a close, the popularity of comics saw a significant decline, and with it, many comic book series were cancelled. It was clear that the comic book industry needed to do something drastic to get itself out of

its rut. Thus, came the silver age of comics, viewed by many as the precursor of the eventual bronze age and the modern age of comics today. Without a doubt, the silver age, which lasted from around 1956 to 1970, was an important and monumental time period for comics. Not only was this the age where artistic advancement

came in large strides, but the comic book easily became a mainstream medium. Writers like the now infamous Stan Lee and artists like John Romita, Sr. made their debut in this area and created comic books that featured more intricate and complex stories and characters. While stories in the mainstream were more complex and interesting, controversial or violent topics were mostly avoided due to a system known as the "Comics Code Authority" that sought to regulate comics. This stemmed from controversy in the mainstream media suggesting that comic books increased delinquency and were corrupting the youth. Mainstream comics stayed pure, but an underground movement for more violent and controversial comic books also began around this time.

The bronze age followed soon after from around 1970 to 1985, and is probably the best precursor to modern comics today. It was in this age that comic books in the mainstream began to adopt darker themes and broke out of the mold established in the silver age. Comic books began to tackle subjects like racism, alcohol and drug abuse and even environment pollution. Comic book series like the "X-Men", "Ghost Rider", and the "Green Arrow/Green Lantern series" came into existence.

The bronze age also became famous for being the age where heroes began to fail at saving the day. Spider-Man was unable to save his girlfriend from dying at the hands of the Green Goblin, and Aquaman saw the death of his infant son at the hands of the Black Manta. Needless to say, things had gotten darker and more realistic—a far cry from the campy days of the silver age.

There is actually contention on whether the bronze age ever ended, but in the time span between 1985 and 1986, some major comics came into existence that would change the very medium itself. Comic books such as Frank Miller's "The Dark Knight Returns" and Alan Moore's "Watchmen" changed how people viewed both superheroes and comics.

"The Dark Knight Returns" featured an older, depressed and retired Batman who came back into crime fighting after things had gone sour during his absence. This was a stark contrast to the blue and grey version of Batman that had been seen before, and inspired the current, street crime, gritty detective version of Batman that is popularized in pop culture and Christopher Nolan's "The Dark Knight". "The Watchmen", on the other hand, stood as critique and social commentary on super heroes, and took them down from their status of being "pure beings" and introduced the possibility of super heroes having flaws and being human.

And that brings us to where we are today; comic books have come a long way, and there is enough controversy, progress and story in the medium's history to have an epic story of its own. Regardless, while comics may not be as popular as they were in the 90s, comic books are here to stay and still inspire many of our popular pastimes today. Whether they are TV shows like The Walking Dead, movies like The Dark Knight or even video games, comic books remain a mainstay in our culture.



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You decide to open your home to strangers. It starts with a message and days later you meet Patrick from Ireland who is traveling the continental 48. You might make him a home cooked meal and invite him out for a night on the town with your friends. You share some laughs and stories for three days and become close friends. Then you take a goodbye photograph together and Patrick leaves to resume his travels and meet his next host in the neighboring state. This is a couch surfing experience.

Couchsurfing.org is a social media website that connects travelers who are in pursuit of hospitality exchange. Registration is free and users of the website can search for hosts to stay with and be hosts themselves.

According to Wikipedia, couch surfing refers to, "the practice of moving from one friend's house to another, sleeping in whatever spare space is available, floor or couch, generally staying a few days before moving on to the next house."

University of Wisconsin-Stout student Christina Curran is a seasoned couch surfer who uses the website to, "meet people from all over the world."

She began couch surfing when she lived in Cincinnati for six months for an internship. A friend recommended she list her home on couchsurfing.org, so she did. Curran hosted a couple Canadians and one Chilean.

"For people who host, it's more about giving something and not expecting anything in

return," said Curran.

Curran had such a positive experience with hosting surfers that she decided to surf some couches on her own. Curran stayed with 17 different hosts during seven weeks of traveling in New Zealand and Australia.

Couch surfing hosts commonly make their surfers a meal and show them around town, in addition to giving them a place to stay for free.

"People on the website are so nice," said Curran. "They know you're traveling, so they take you out to dinner. It's a great way to meet people who are just like you and are free-spirited."

Couch surfing does pose some personal safety risks. To mitigate safety concerns, couchsurfing.org provides a verification service. To become a verified member, the user must provide their full legal name, address, and credit card number as well as pay a small fee.

Curran is not a verified couch surfer because she believes that both people with good and bad intentions can easily get verified.

"The only reason why I would get verified is to support the website," said Curran. She recommends that if you are interested in couch surfing to, "scope through their (the hosts) profile, look for common interests and read through their references."

According to couchsurfing.org, as of March 2012 there are approximately 4 million couch surfers; about 50 percent of those are from Europe and 26 percent from North America and nearly 70 percent of couch surfers are between ages 18 to 29.

Get surfing!





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I stopped in at Town and Country Antiques, located on the corner of Main and Third Street next to Harvey Hall, on a sunny Tuesday morning and was delighted with their selection of unique collectables.

The store itself is deceptively large with two full floors of all different kinds of hidden treasures. One thing I found unique about the store is the many rooms off of the main floor that highlight different sec-

tions of antiques and collectables. Town and Country Antiques has 22 individual dealers who sell their antiques and collectables in the store, making their selection extremely broad. The store has everything from old coins and money, to old tools as well as old toys that bring back childhood memories. People come to Town and Country Antiques for all kinds of reasons from past fashion to old games.

Town and Country Antiques has been in business for ten years in three different locations on Main Street. In the past,

there have been four other antique stores in Menomonie. Antique dealer for Town and Country Antiques, Bonnie Trimble, said that Town and Country Antiques has outlasted the other stores because, "The store has a good atmosphere. We're all friends and we have a good time together."

The storefront window is currently dubbed "the guys window," because it is displaying old tools to attract men and Town and Country Antiques changes the display regularly to keep it unique and draw in new clientele.

In my visit to Town and Country Antiques, I was treated well by their knowledgeable and helpful staff and was impressed with their huge selection of items. I also learned that an antique is anything over 100 years old, and that the store has collectors' items of all sorts. A couple of items that caught my eye were a WWI Traveling Military Desk and an antique wardrobe cabinet.

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## BOOK REVIEW: STARDUST

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Having been dubbed a “fairytale for adults” by big (and not so big) name reviewers, one might think that “Stardust” by Neil Gaiman would provide fantasy-loving bookworms with just the tale we’ve been looking for. For some it did, but I believe you have to be a true Gaiman fanatic that likes his style of prose to enjoy this novel—or have quite low standards for literature.

“Stardust” tells the tale of Tristran Thorn, a young man from the town of Wall in the English countryside; it does not straightforwardly say the time period of the book, but it is supposedly set in the late 1800s. Tristran, like many a youthful chap in stories such as these, is in love with the most beautiful girl he’s ever set eyes on. With her promise to marry him, he vows to retrieve a fallen star to ultimately win his ladylove. Through a gap in a wall to the east of the town and across the subsequent meadow beyond that wall, Tristran begins his quest where he encounters villains, royalty, romance and magical lands. This tale seems to provide the same scenarios as our childhood favorites, with the exception, of course, that it contains adult content not meant for adoles-

cent persons.

So why was I, a fan of this genre, not particularly fond of this seemingly ideal novel? Let me count the ways.

To begin with, I felt most of Gaiman’s descriptions, while some beautifully written, were awkward and a bit overdone. I understand the need to be eloquent and creative with words, but more often than not, I had trouble figuring out what the author was trying to convey and wanted him to simply come out with it already. That should have been my first clue that I would not be fond of this book. Continuing through, I discovered that Gaiman does not really provide any character development; he gets by on what I consider the bare minimum. Apart from the handful of main characters (that are alone somewhat troublesome to keep track of and lack emotion), you will be quickly introduced to others, shuffled through equally quick scenes, and will wonder the point of meeting that character or why that scene was even included at all. I won’t even begin to explain how I felt Gaiman took the “easy way out” when writing the ending.

I am usually able to decipher whether I like a book or not within at least the first half of the novel, as well as become quite hooked on the material. It did not happen with this one;

I spent the entirety of “Stardust” trying to decide whether I liked it, and felt no attachment

whatsoever; an utter letdown for this bibliophile. This novel lacked the focus and depth it desperately needed in order for me to read it. Had it been written with more detail and purpose, I might have liked it more. I can only hope that if and when I view the film that the screenplay, acting and visuals will make up for what the novel lacks. It could possibly be one of the few times I will say that the film could be better than the book, and I don’t say that often.



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Neil Gaiman, the author of Stardust.

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# GAME REVIEW: STREET FIGHTER X TEKKEN

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Staff Writer

The most popular 2-D and 3-D fighting games combine to create one of the most epic fighting games of all time. "Street Fighter X Tekken" for the Playstation 3 and Xbox 360 uses the same engine from "Street Fighter 4," but adds characters from the Tekken series, along with enough other features to make this title a fighting fan's dream.

One of the most distinct features of this game is the tag team mechanic. Each player chooses two characters from the game's 38-character roster. The goal is to use one

character at a time to use punches, kicks, throws, and everything in-between to defeat your opponent. Interestingly enough, the round ends once one character is knocked out, as opposed to both characters on that team being knocked out. This brings a unique aspect of strategy to the game because you will need to switch out your characters if you want to survive long enough to land the final blow on your opponent.

Along with single player arcade mode (with proper CG cut scenes) and online multiplayer, "Street Fighter X Tekken" also features a mission mode, a trial mode and a customize mode. The customize mode is great because

it allows you to change the colors on your favorite characters. The downside to this is that you end up with a bunch of people online who think dressing up their characters in all black makes them some sort of badass.

My favorite feature of this game is the online co-op. You are able to team up with a friend either online or locally to fight opponents. The system works really well, and it's an absolute blast to play. For whatever reason, playing with a local friend online is only available on the PS3 version of the game, and Capcom has no plans of patching the Xbox 360 version.

If you're lucky enough to own a PS3, you also get access to five exclusive characters: Toro, Kuro, Cole, Megaman and Pacman.

Unfortunately, as of right now the sound online is very laggy and can be tricky to work with, but Capcom says they're planning on fixing this.

"Street Fighter X

**Rating**  
**5** out of **5**  
★★★★★

Tekken" makes last November's "Ultimate Marvel vs. Capcom 3" seem sloppy. It takes everything great about the "Street Fighter" franchise and incorporates mechanics from "Tekken" into the game. This isn't a game I'll be putting down any time soon.



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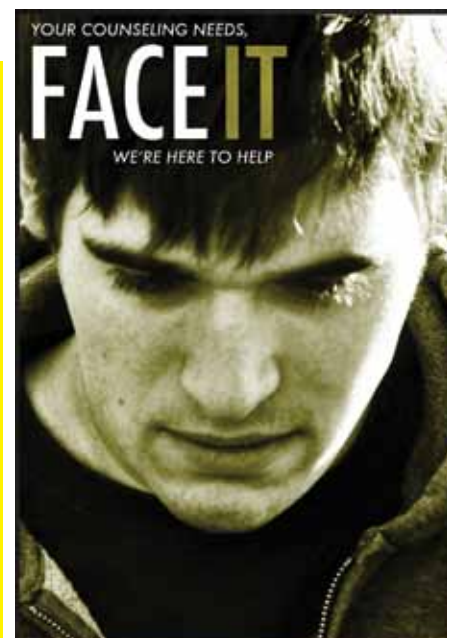
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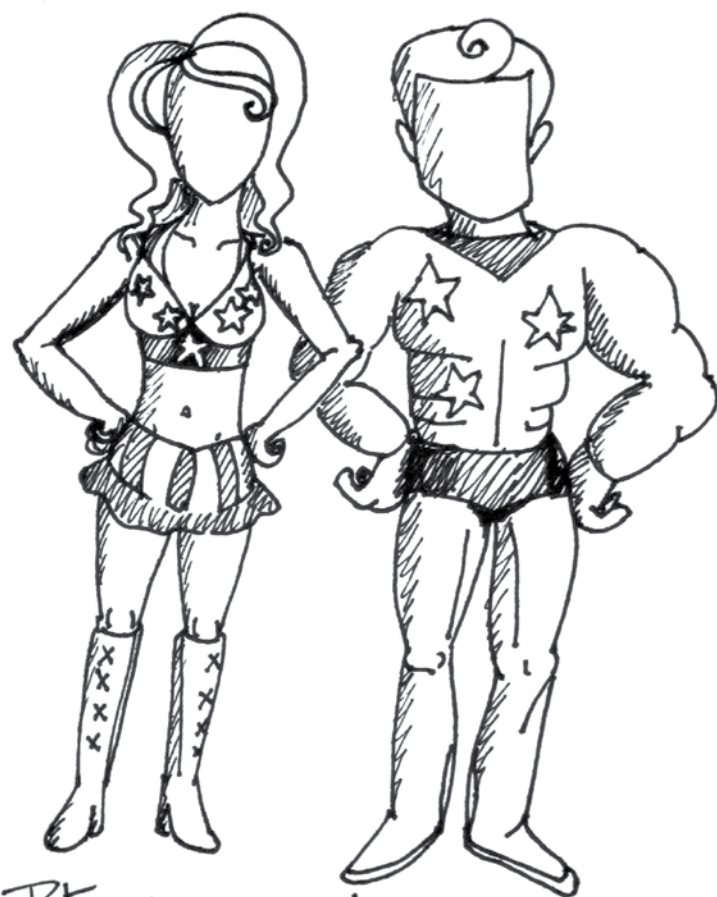
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If you have looked up at the night sky lately, you might have noticed that just after sunset, a few bright objects dominate the sky. They might look like very bright stars, but these objects might be planets. During spring, Jupiter, Venus, Mars and Saturn are all visible and easily found by the amateur stargazer.

Jupiter and Venus are very close together and can be spotted in the west after sunset. They are some of the brightest objects in the night sky, and become visible soon after sunset, before any of the stars can be seen. Venus is closer to Earth and has a very reflective, acidic atmosphere making it brighter than Jupiter. Jupiter is much bigger than Venus, but

also farther away. By observing Jupiter and Venus during the spring, you will be able to see them slowly wander apart. The word "planet" actually comes from the Greek word wanderer, because unlike the stars their position in the sky changed.

If you look high in the sky in a southeast direction, you may also see a bright red object. At first, it may look like a light on a plane, but if what you are looking at doesn't appear to be moving, you may have found Mars. If you draw an imaginary line from Mars to where straight east is on the horizon, you will find Saturn along that line. Saturn is probably the trickiest to find since there are some stars around it that appear to be just as bright.

These are the other worlds in our solar system.



Jupiter and its moons.



Jupiter seen through a modest zoom lens.



# ALL-TIME WIAC BASKETBALL TEAM INCLUDES THREE BLUE DEVILS

Kou Yang  
Staff writer

Three former University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils have been named to the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) All-Time Women's Basketball Team: guard Julie Maki, and forwards Kelsey Duoss and Julia Hirssig. Mark Thomas coached all three players and knows exactly why they were named to the All-Time team.

Maki was a three-time conference first team selection as well as the 1993 WIAC Player of the Year and was named First Team All-American in that same season.

Maki was the leader in career points for nearly two decades until a fellow All-Time teamer topped her mark.

"She was multidimensional in her ability to score; she can go to the basket or shoot off the dribble," said Thomas.

"She wasn't afraid to play good teams or good players," said Thomas. "She made every opportunity count; she had that attitude of 'this might be my last game.'"

"She wanted to be successful as a student, a person and as a basketball player," said Thomas.

Duoss was a part of three consecutive WIAC championship teams from 2004-2007. She was a three-time WIAC All-Defensive team member, a two-time First Team All-American, and helped her teams to the Sweet Sixteen in two straight years. She was a part of the D3hoops.com 2000-2009 All-Decade Team.

"It was never a secret that people were going to come after her when we played," said

Thomas. "She knew that and she thrived in those situations."

"She made the decision to become an elite player and separated herself from the competition," said Thomas. Duoss made the leap, playing one season of professional basketball in Australia.

Hirssig is the all-time leading scorer in the Blue Devils' history with 1738 points; the mark tops the list for both men and women. She was a three-time All-WIAC selection, and was the WIAC Player of the Year for the 2009-2010 season, a season in which she lead the league in scoring (21.4) and rebounding (10.6).

"Julia is one of the most physically and mentally powerful people I have been around, and had an extreme amount of self-confidence-but not cockiness," said Thomas.

"Every single time I walked in the gym, I

knew what I was going to get from Julia. She was an extremely hard worker and she was never satisfied," said Thomas. The night before her last game, she still wanted to get better.

"She wanted to stay in the gym and do an individual workout to try to get better; to do it the night before her last game sums up who she is," said Thomas.

For her efforts off the court, Hirssig received multiple academic awards including the Jostens Trophy, the Judy Kruckman Scholar-Athlete Award, and was named ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Player of the Year.

"I feel lucky and blessed to coach those women that had that quality to take on whatever came in front of them," said Thomas.

Maki will be a part of the inaugural class named to the WIAC Hall of Fame.



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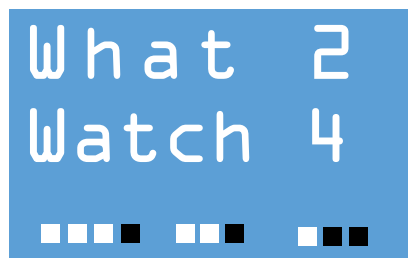
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#### ■ March 24th:

- WGYM at NCGA Championships @ 3:30 p.m. (ET)

#### ■ March 31st:

- Baseball vs UW-Stevens Point (DH) @ 12 p.m.
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#### ■ April 1st:

- Men's Golf at Loras College Invitational @ 9 a.m.
- Baseball vs UW-Stevens Point (DH) @ 12 p.m.
- Softball at Luther College (DH) @ 2 p.m.
- Softball at Luther College (DH) @ 2 p.m.
- Baseball vs UW-Stevens Point (DH) @ 12 p.m.

#### ■ April 2nd:

- Men's Golf at Loras College Invitational @ 9 a.m.

#### ■ April 3rd:

- Baseball vs Saint Mary's University (DH) @ 2 p.m.
- Baseball vs Saint Mary's University (DH) @ 2 p.m.

Softball vs Northwestern College (MN) (DH) @ 4 p.m.

## PLAYER PROFILE:

# Jessika Smith

**Kelsey Penrod**  
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Throughout this year's track season, Jessika Smith has emerged as a rising star in track and field at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Many say she is one of the new college athletes to watch out for. She became Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's (WIAC) Indoor Field Performer of the Feb. 24-25 Indoor Track and Field Championships. During this meet, Smith also won the pentathlon and long jump, scoring a school record total of 3265 points.

Smith is a junior at UW-Stout, and is double-majoring in graphic communications management and Spanish. She began competing in track and field when she was a freshman in high school. "For me," said Smith, "Track hasn't been difficult. There is a lot I can work on, but it's never been hard." With her 2012 season accomplishments, Smith proves her track and field strengths.

Competing in multiple events, Smith does it all except for distance running; she mainly competes in the pentathlon and heptathlon. The pentathlon consists of five events: hurdles, high jump, shot put, long jump and the 800 meter. In addition to these events, she participates

in the 200 meter and javelin throw, which creates the heptathlon. Since so much is required with these events, the two multi-events only occur during two-day meets. "I love the heptathlon," said Smith, "It's because it adds the javelin, which is different than any other event. I feel like a warrior. This definitely uses a combination of skills."

The UW-Stout track and field practice schedule is very rigorous. It occurs every day, but differs from runners and members who compete in multiple events. The team usually starts off practice with technique and form. After technique, a running conditioning workout occurs for the remaining of the practice. "My schedule is very sporadic," said Smith. Smith enjoys the constant change within her weekly practice schedule. "I get to focus on different events throughout the week; this shows how diverse track is. There are so many different things you can do."

Even though the physicality of the sport is not a challenge for Smith, she faces new struggles mentally. To help improve her motivation, Smith creates an "inspiration wall" where she displays motivational quotes and pictures. "The team definitely helps to motivate each other too," Smith said, "That kind of competition and drive is needed. If you're not

constantly pushing or pulling, then it's hard to achieve goals."

Meeting new friends and teammates while strengthening her skills will also be a highlight of Smith's (college) athletic career here at UW-Stout. She embraces her teammates as well as her opponents. This sociability of the sport allows Smith to connect with others who also have a passion for track. "I feel it is one of the few sports where you can talk to your opponents and not get a dirty look from your coaches. I have met so many close friends through track. There is a whole network behind you and they all want you to succeed." Meeting new friends and teammates while strengthening her skills will also be a highlight of Smith's college athletic career here at Stout. With Smith's hard work, dedication, athleticism, and attitude, she will continue to be a rising star on the UW-Stout track team.



## Celebrating Stout swimmer, alumnus

# WENDY HEINEKE

**Kelsey Penrod**  
Staff writer

This year a University of Wisconsin-Stout alumnus, Wendy Heineke, was named to the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) All-Time Women's Swimming and Diving Team. Heineke was enrolled at UW-Stout from 1986-1989, and during this time she excelled in swimming. Today, she is still known as one of the most competitive swimmers ever at UW-Stout.

During her college career, Heineke left an unforgettable legacy. She won four National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national titles, was a 23-time All-American award recipient, won 14 WIAC titles, held conference records in three events, set 14 UW-Stout records and was the NAIA District 15 swimmer of the year in 1989. In 1988, Heineke won national titles in the 50-freestyle and 100-backstroke.

The following year, she repeated her 50-freestyle victory and also won the 100-freestyle, a freestyle conference record that remained unbroken until 2000, and her 100-butterfly record was beat in 1999.

Heineke graduated in 1989 with a degree in hotel and tourism management, after which she was inducted into the UW-Stout Hall of Fame in 1999. More recently, Heineke was inducted into the WIAC All-Time Women's Swimming and Diving Team. She is the only UW-Stout alumnus who is a part of the WIAC All-Time Team. Heineke, along with other athletes whom were chosen for this honor, will be recognized at the conference's Centennial Celebration. This celebration honors those men's and women's sports which have been classified as "championship" sports at some time during the conference's 100-year history. Recipients will receive certificates from the conference along with an invitation to attend the WIAC Centennial

Banquet. This will be held Aug. 4, 2012 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wis.

A former Madison native, Heineke now resides in San Diego, Calif. as the general manager of a Marriott Residence Inn. After her college career, she was been employed for seven years by Sunstone Hotel Properties and has been a general manager at three different properties.

Although UW-Stout no longer has a competitive swimming and diving team, Heineke will forever be a part of it's history. She is motivation, inspiration and role model to those who dream of reaching their full potential.





# FOUR BLUE DEVILS NAMED ALL-AMERICA AND ONE ADDED A NATIONAL TITLE

**Kou Yang**  
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Six members of the University of Wisconsin-Stout track and field team qualified for the 2012 NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa on March 9-10. Zach Anderson, Daniel Drewek, Michael Lihman, Tim Nelson and Brandon Zarnoth represented the men's team while Jessika Smith competed as the lone member of the women's team.

Drewek, a senior from Athens, Wis., earned All-American honors in two events placing second in both events, the pole vault and the heptathlon. Drewek finished the pole vault with a leap of 16-7 1/4.

In the heptathlon, Drewek saw himself in fourth place going into the second day of

competition but he his used his best event to his advantage to a second place finish. He dominated the pole vault portion of the competition, winning the event by nearly two feet with a season-high leap of 17- 3/4 and finished with 5113 points.

The mark breaks the old school record-a record Drewek set just a couple of weeks ago at the 2012 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Anderson, a sophomore from Frederic, Wis., was in eleventh place going into the second day of competition. He then climbed up the leaderboard with a pair of third place finishes in the 60-meter hurdles and 1000-meter run to place sixth overall with 4784 points and earned his first All-America status.

Brandon Zarnoth, a freshman from Appleton, Wis., was ahead of Drewek at one point after a second place finish in the 60-meter hurdles. After a no-height in the pole vault and a last-place finish in the 1000-meter run, however, Zarnoth finished 13th overall with 4041 points.

Lihman, a sophomore from Rice Lake, Wis., finished 11th in the weight throw. After fouling on his first two attempts, Lihman got off a throw of 57-8 1/4 on his final attempt.

Smith, a senior from Onalaska, Wis., earned her first All-American award after finishing fifth overall in the pentathlon.

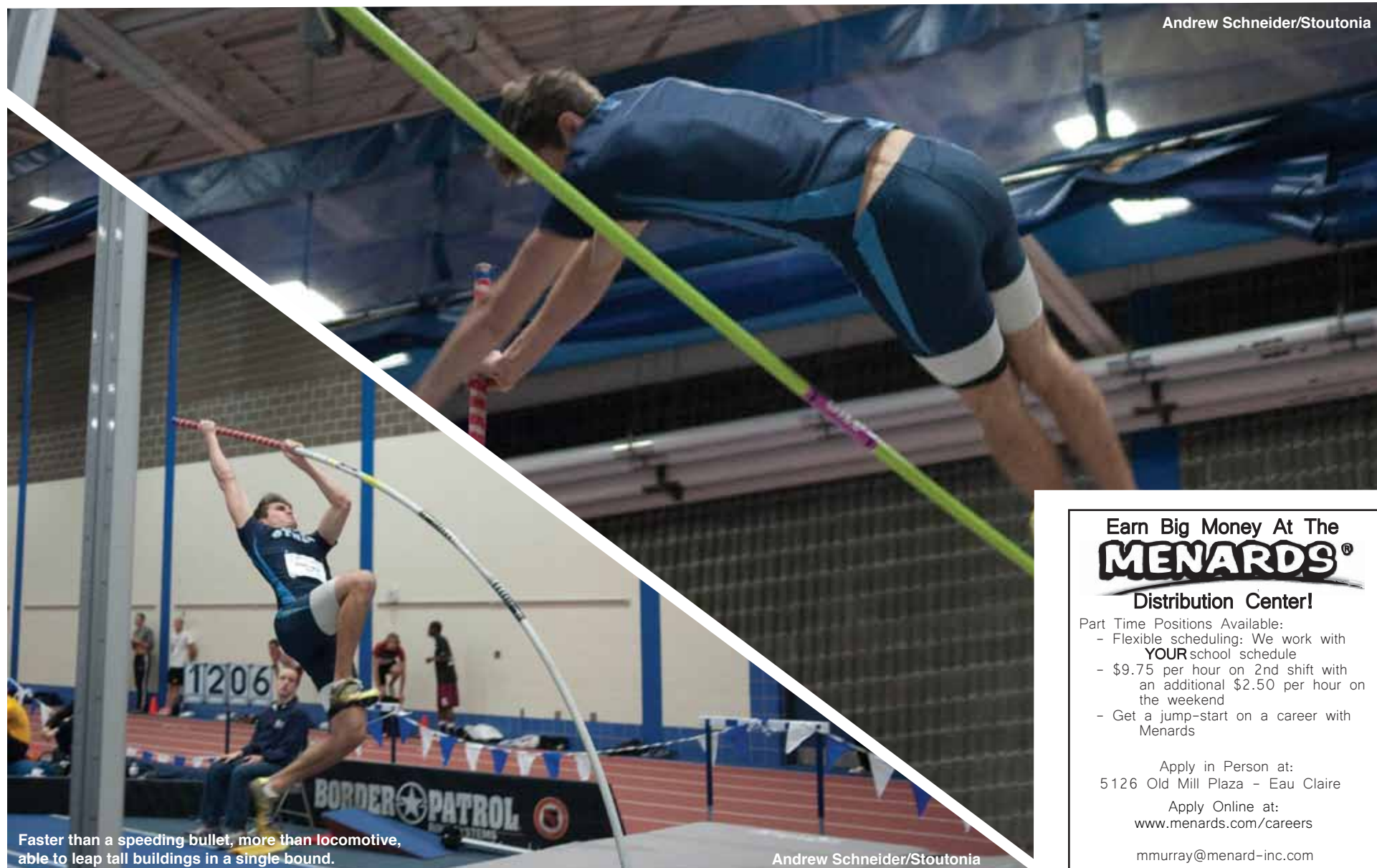
In individual events, Smith finished first in the shot put with a mark of 40-7 3/4, third in the long jump with a mark of 17- 4 1/2, sixth in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of

9.44 seconds, 11th in the 800-meter run with a time of 2 minutes, 32.83 seconds, and 15th in the high jump with a mark of 4-7 3/4.

Smith set a new school record with 3265 points at the 2012 WIAC Indoor Track and Field Championships. After the event, she declared that she was going to break her own school record at Nationals and that's exactly what she did, finishing with 3339 points.

Tim Nelson, a senior from Augusta, Wis., more than achieve All-American honors when he captured a national title in the 5000-meter run. Nelson won the race with a time of 14 minutes, 11.80 seconds. Like Drewek and Smith, Nelson broke the school record that already bares his name.

The men's team finished fourth with 28 points, and the women's team finished 39th with 4 points.



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# BLUE DEVIL SCOREBOARD

## BASEBALL

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's men's baseball team finished their Arizona spring break trip by splitting a pair of games with Wesleyan University and Conn University at the Russmatt Arizona Baseball Invitational on Thursday, March 15. The Blue Devils dropped the first game, 7-6, but bounced back to win the second with a score of 13-6. Matt Guida, a junior from Hawley, Minn. and Jon Schoch, a senior from Chippewa Falls, Wis. both scored runs on an errant throw.

Next Game: Watch the boy's play the University of Wisconsin-Stevens on March 31.

## WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

The University of Wisconsin-Stout opened the 2012 outdoor track and field meet at Point Loma Collegiate Open at Point Loma Nazarene University Saturday, March 17. The Blue Devils got two first place finishes from Cheyenne Gray, a sophomore from Gilmanton, Wis., taking the top spot in the 100-meter hurdles with 15.87 seconds. Jessika Smith, a junior from Onalaska, Wis, took the top spot in the javelin (112-7) and Jodi Larson, a senior from Baxter, Minn., tied for first in the pole vault (8-11.75).

Next Game: Watch the Blue Devils compete against the University of Wisconsin-River Falls on Thursday, April 5.

## SOFTBALL

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's softball team played a double-header against Heidelberg College, a 3-1 win, and Indiana Institute of Technology, 6-3 on Thursday, March 15. Heidelberg got on the board first with a single run in the second inning of the first game, but UW-Stout took the lead with a two-run fourth. In the second game of the day, UW-Stout scored all six of their runs before Indiana Tech.

Next Game: Watch the Blue Devils compete in a double header against Luther College on Sunday, April 1.



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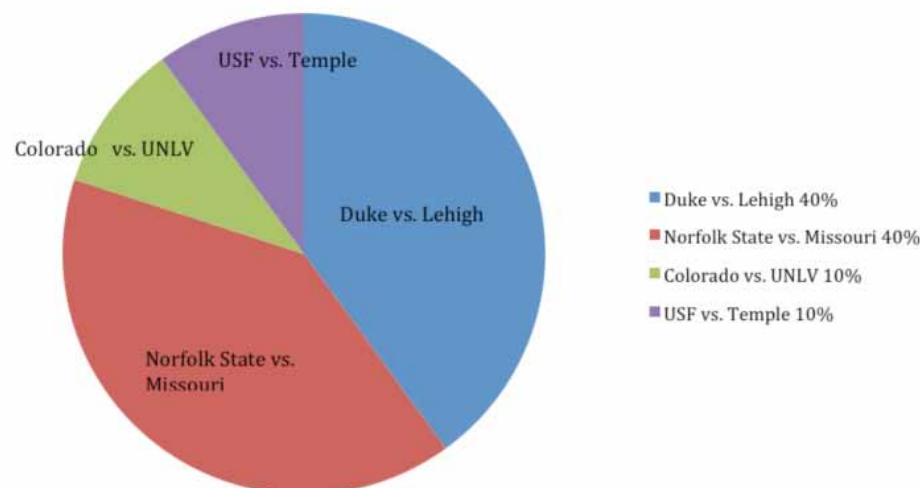
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With spring about the campus, you may start to notice some strange things. Spring is when all the mystical beasts emerge from their wintery slumber and meander about. It's not uncommon to see a centaur on its way to class, or even a gnome studying in the library.



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*"I would be a giraffe, except I would get a bitch of a sore throat."*

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*"The bottom of a dolphin, so I can swim like a mermaid."*

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*"I would have the jaws of a T-Rex so that I could eat up all the haters."*

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*"I would be half of a cockroach to my head could live and respond for 12 hours after I died if I ever am so unlucky to be decapitated."*

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Staff Writer

The seven most dreaded words a University of Wisconsin-Stout student may ever hear at ASK 5000 are, "Your computer is going to need reimaging."

Reimaging a computer involves wiping the hard drive clean and then reinstalling the original software, resulting in a loss of all data stored on the hard drive; this leaves a virtually new operating system for the user.

"Every time I have my computer reimaged, I feel that the employees at ASK 5000 are friendly and as understanding as possible,"

said senior Alex Nold. "However, I feel that they use reimaging as a frontline method of repair when other modes of reparation may be better suited to fix the problem."

For UW-Stout students and faculty, reimaging may appear to be ASK 5000's go-to solution for fixing laptop computer problems, but the student employees are instructed to use this as a last resort.

"We try to troubleshoot to the best of our ability," said Andrew Steidtmann, a sophomore and ASK 5000 Helpdesk technician. "If we have exhausted every solution, then we may have to reimage, but that is not the first step."

## Ask 5000: reimage that

According to Steidtmann, student workers receive over a week of training before the semester begins which covers department policies and common technical issues—but not every situation can be included in this time period.

"New problems are always popping-up," said Steidtmann. "Not everyone knows the answer to every problem, and there are certain issues that just require reimaging."

There are three common laptop issues which will result in a reimage from ASK 5000.

1) A particularly bad virus. In some cases, removing a virus will shut down the computer's antivirus software.

2) The Helpdesk technician has tried every solution that they know.

3) A software update is needed.

"It takes longer to update a program than it does to reimage a drive and reinstall," said Steidtmann. "Updating software requires the technician to focus all of their attention on that one computer, so it is more efficient to reimage."

Backing-up your files regularly will help ease the pain when facing a computer reimage.

Senior and psychology major, Jessica Boone has learned this the hard way.

"It's annoying because it always happens when I have something important on there and haven't backed up my documents," said Boone.

Steidtmann suggests saving immediately to a flash drive and later copying in bulk to an external hard drive or using online storage options.

"Dropbox.com is my favorite form of online backing-up," said Steidtmann. "You can sync-up with

multiple computers and your phone. You are able to access your files anywhere."

Nold has learned the importance of backing-up her files.

### There are three common laptop issues which will result in a reimage from ASK 5000.

**1) A particularly bad virus. In some cases, removing a virus will shut down the computer's antivirus software.**

**2) The Helpdesk technician has tried every solution that they know.**

**3) A software update is needed.**

"The first time my computer was reimaged, I had acquired a virus and could not gain access to any program or document. Unfortunately, I did not have anything backed-up," said Nold. "The second and third time, I had my documents saved and the reimage was nothing more than annoying."

ASK 5000 employees spend most of their time helping UW-Stout students

and faculty fix computer problems that will never require a reimage. Steidtmann said he primarily deals with viruses, passwords, batteries and power issues.

Most of the services provided by ASK 5000 are covered under the Stout technology fee, but certain damages will result in a charge.

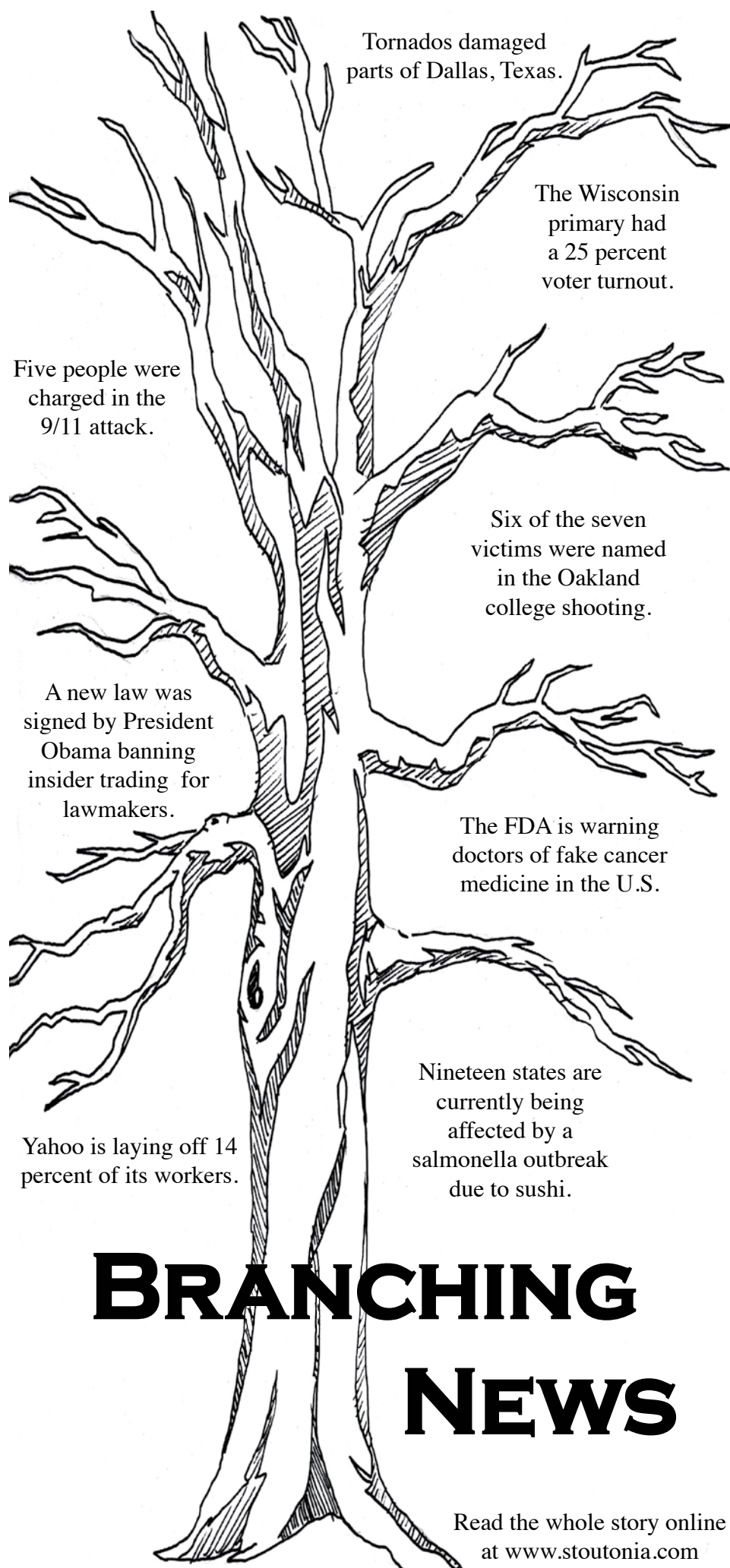
"I have a friend whose dog ate her entire power cord," said Steidtmann. "Not only was she charged for a new cord, but she also had to cover the vet bill."



Andrew Steidtmann.

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# BRANCHING NEWS

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Jessica Vaysberg  
News Editor

## ~~Smooth~~ CRIMINALS

Tales of stupidity  
from Menomonie

### Citations Issued Mar. 19 - Apr. 1, 2012

Underage first offense: 13  
Underage second offense: 2  
Underage third offense: 1  
Underage fourth offense: 1  
Deposit of human waste: 2  
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Possession of Marijuana: 1

#### Running Crooked

3/27: Nearly \$3,000 worth of equipment was reported stolen from the running track. This problem is too big to run away from.

#### Too Busy to Wipe

3/21: A custodian reported damage to a toilet paper dispenser after noticing that someone wrote on it. Is it so complicated to use toilet paper that directions are needed?

#### Stationary Vandals

3/25: Someone reported that two people were vandalizing bicycles outside one of the residence halls. Next time, use that energy towards riding a bike instead of ruining one.

#### Tandem Thievery

3/26: Two victims reported that their identical bikes were both stolen from outside of an academic building; one was found while the other remains missing. Too bad matching bikes don't have twin telepathy.

#### Secrets, Secrets Are No Fun

3/31: Someone reported that they "observed a male subject riding a bike." A person driving by asked the subject where they got the bike, and the biker said that they stole it. The thief then left in a car and ditched the bike. The bystander then locked up the bike and called the police to look into the situation. The bike is now in police possession. Be careful who you confide in.

#### Lonely Longboard

4/1: Someone went to visit their friend in a residence hall on campus. While they were in their friend's room, they left their longboard in the hallway outside. When they left, they realized that the longboard had been stolen. The board may be long, but even that would fit into a dorm room.



# SSA election

Claire Mathiowetz  
Staff Writer

In the upcoming weeks, the University of Wisconsin-Stout will be having elections for the Stout Student Association (SSA). The organization is having elections for the positions of the President, Director of Organizational Affairs, the Director of Legislative Affairs and the Director of Diversity of SSA for the 2012-2013 year.

The organization is taking open applications until Monday, April 9; anyone who has the desire to take part in SSA should sign up now. Anyone in the student body is eligible to run, whether you have participated in SSA before or not. The applications are available on OrgSync.

After the applications have been taken, the candidates will debate on Monday, April 16. The debate will be held in the Great Hall of the Memorial Stu-

dent Center (MSC) at 6 p.m. that night.

Many may be unfamiliar with what exactly the president does. This past year, current SSA President Neal Peterson put together several new programs.

"This year as a collective group, we ran the bus service with increased hours, making it not only during the day but also more night and weekend hours," said Peterson. "We also implemented a campus bike program—an alternative transportation instead of just bus, and tried to incorporate that with Stout athletic

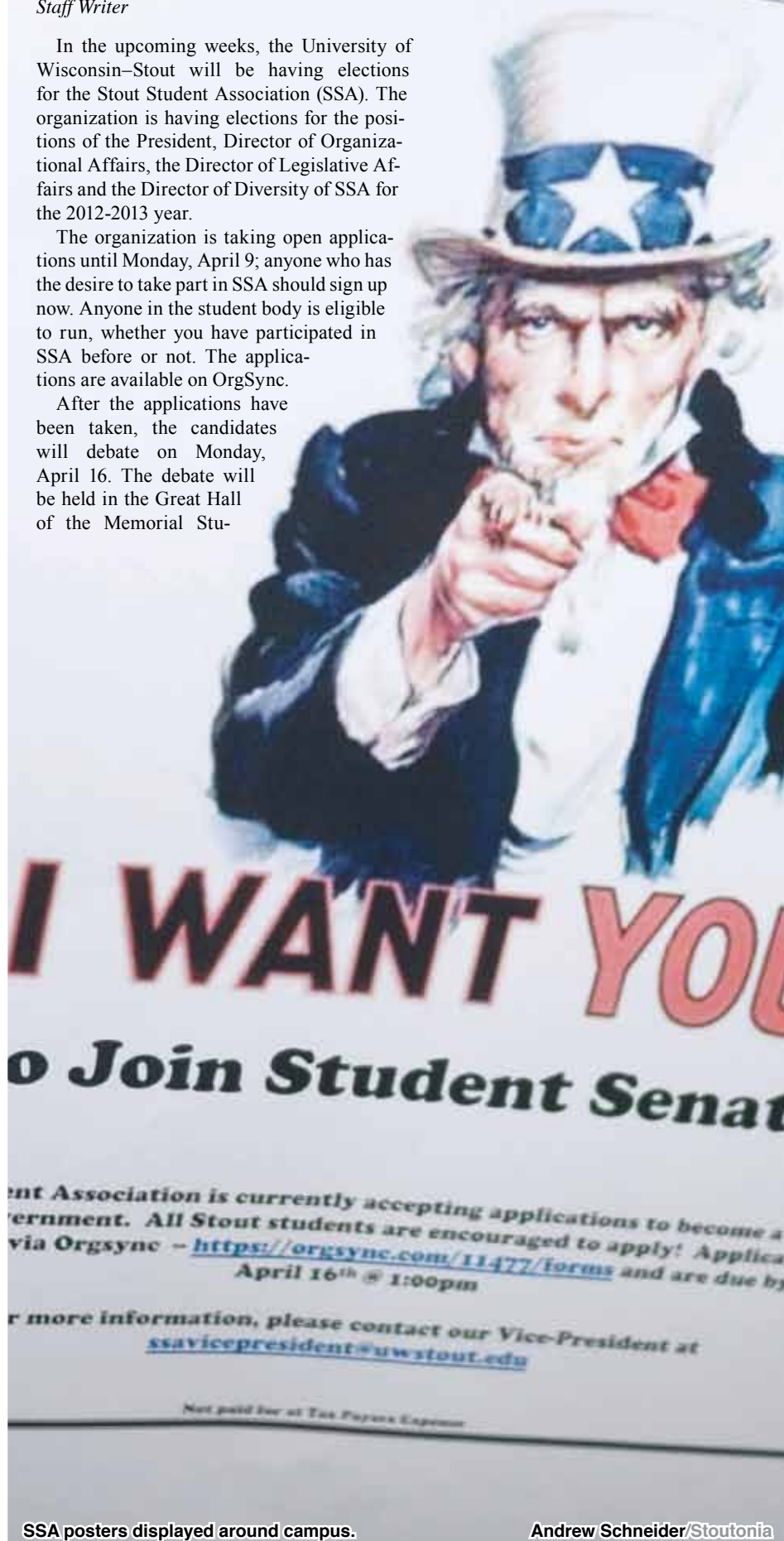
events to get students to attend those by offering a ride."

Peterson went on to explain the overnight study pilot program that he started last semester, which opened the library for later hours to accommodate an evening study schedule for finals. He also made an effort to make the budget process for student organizations simpler by utilizing Org Sync, making it more user friendly.

The elections will be on Thursday, April 19 through email; a link will be given to Org Sync where students can sign in using their username and password. The poll will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Peterson encourages students not only to run, but also to vote. He explained that many of the programs SSA offers to students cost money and deals with students' money; students should be aware of who is being elected and what they plan to do with their student fees.

"It has an impact on students' daily lives and it seems like tuition and fees are always increasing," said Peterson. "Students should be aware of what future leaders want to do; it's really important."



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# A joke at Sparx ends in a Lawsuit

Claire Mathiowetz  
Staff Writer

Sparx, a local Menomonie restaurant, is facing a federal lawsuit on the basis of racial discrimination. The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) filed the lawsuit against Sparx restaurant on March 27, 2012.

According to the EEOC's lawsuit, African-American employee Dion Miller arrived at work in October 2010 and found a picture taped to a cooler of African-American actor Gary Coleman and a dollar bill, where George Washington's face had been blackened and a noose drawn around his neck. The dollar bill also had drawings of swastikas and the image of a man in a Ku Klux Klan hood.

When Miller complained about the images, Sparx managers in-

sisted that it was "a joke." Miller was fired weeks after his complaining for allegedly having a "bad attitude." However, the EEOC charged that Sparx, in fact, terminated Miller in retaliation for opposing race discrimination.

The EEOC insists that such alleged conduct

violates Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The lawsuit is filed against Sparx owners, Northern Star Hospitality Inc., after an unsuccessful attempt at reaching a pre-litigation settlement.

According to the press release, "The EEOC is seeking injunctive relief to prevent future discrimination, as well as back pay, reinstatement, and compensatory and punitive damages."

The EEOC's Chicago District Office is "responsible for processing discrimination

charges, administrative enforcement, and the conduct of agency litigation in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and North and South Dakota, with Area Offices in Milwaukee and Minneapolis." The EEOC is also "responsible for enforcing federal laws prohibiting employment discrimination."

"There is no management that works here now that was here when [the alleged incident] happened. It happened back in 2010 and there's completely new management now," said current manager Lisa Donnerbauer.



Sparx

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# E-textbooks might be coming to Stout in the fall

Jessica Christiansen  
Staff Writer

Some may argue change is good, others will say they don't like change. Unfortunately, for those who don't, in today's world, many things around us are undergoing vast changes. A change recently affecting publishers is text online which also potentially affects today's education.

In order to keep up to date with these trends, the University of Wisconsin-Stout is considering the use of electronic textbooks (e-books) for the campus.

"In the near future, no; however, we are looking at an electronic textbook pilot to start this fall," said Director of Instructional Resources Robert Butterfield.

To examine whether electronic textbooks are feasible at UW-Stout in the future, a committee consisting of Assistant Vice Chancellor Dr. Jackie Weissenburger, Chief of Information Officer Doug Wahl, Library Director Bill Johnston and others, including faculty representation, are deliberating trialing a couple classes in the fall of 2012 with an e-book pilot.

"We are doing this to get an idea of what the students and faculty think and to give us a chance to try different companies that provide them, so we can determine what's best for Stout," said Butterfield.

The classes that will trial the e-books have yet to be determined, however the committee wants to test it in class sizes of around 25-30 students. "The details aren't set, but what it looks like is there won't be an additional cost; we want people to participate so that we can get a good idea of how people can use the information," said Butterfield.

In January 2012, the Secretary of Education and the Chairman of the FCC jointly unveiled

a five year challenge to make K-12 schools transition to becoming digital. Since then, a national event, Digital Learning Day, has been implemented to help K-12 educators begin to adopt the transition. "This has a major impact on us," said Butterfield. "We are going to be in a situation where kids are going to be expecting that kind of material, and that will start to be the only thing those kids have ever used before. It will be difficult for them to come to an institute of higher education and have to take a step back in technology, which is also being taken into consideration."

"Schools that are using e-books are finding there are a lot of good ways that this material can be used to enhance classes," said Butterfield. Some of the general benefits of an e-book consists of: students being able to highlight directly on it, saving more trees and the convenience of posting questions directly on the reading material and get responses back from students or the instructor. "It's difficult for UW-Stout because we have a good textbook rental program; it's popular amongst the students and amongst the parents," said Butterfield.

However, some downfalls with the current program include: waiting in line for text rentals, late books fees, damage fees, carrying around heavy books and outdated e-books do not pose these issues. "Companies are trying to make e-books as compatible as possible, so you can have it on your Mac, PC, your smart phone or iPad," said Butterfield."

**E-textbooks come  
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Robert Butterfield.

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# Take-back event

Jennifer Huynh  
Staff Writer

Dunn County is participating in the first medication take-back event that will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2012. The medication take-back event is a way for local residents to properly dispose their unwanted or unused medication to rid homes of potentially dangerous substances without damaging the water supply. Typically, medications recommend a method of disposal, often to be flushed down a drain, but this is not necessarily the best option.

According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), "Most drugs can be thrown in the household trash, but consumers should take certain precautions before tossing them out; few drugs should be flushed down the toilet."

In addition to advocating proper disposal, the take-back event is also a preventative program.

"It is also a preventative program to dispose of medications for safety reasons," said Alcohol and Other Drug Program Assistant Max Perkins.

As stated by the FDA, "Drugs such as powerful narcotic pain relievers and other controlled substances carry instructions for flushing to reduce the danger of unintentional use or overdose and illegal abuse."

The medication take-back event is aimed to help with the proper disposal for these reasons.

Participants are encouraged to bring their unwanted tablets or capsules in sealed bags, and liquids in their original containers to prevent leaks. Personal information on medication should be blacked out to ensure privacy. Over the counter medications will also be accepted.

"Participants do not need proof of identification – it is not necessary," said Perkins.

The Dunn County Partnership for Youth listed the following to ensure correct medication take-back:

Accepted medications include tablets, capsules, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, sample medications, pet medications, medicated ointments, creams, patches, sprays and inhalers. Unacceptable items include: needles (insulin or syringes), personal care products (shampoo, soaps, etc.), hydrogen peroxide, aerosol cans, thermometers, IV bags, empty containers, household hazardous waste or business waste.

According to the Dunn County Partnership for Youth, "This event is being organized in collaboration with the National Pharmaceutical Take-Back Initiative sponsored by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration."

Medications will be accepted at two locations: the University of Wisconsin-Stout Student Health Center and the Mayo Clinic Health System-Red Cedar.

For additional information, contact Dunn County Partnership For Youth at 715-235-4537.



Program contributors include: the Dunn County Sheriff's Office, Dunn County Solid Waste Division, Dunn County Health Department, Mayo Clinic Health System - Red Cedar, Arbor Place Inc., School District of Menomonie Area, Walgreens Pharmacy, UW-Stout and Sustainable Dunn.

Get rid of your drugs the proper way on April 28th.

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**Be a part of the nearly 100 year old tradition of the student-led newspaper. Pick up and drop off your applications at the Involvement Center Desk in the MSC by Friday, April 20th.**

A student organization from Stout is beginning plans to open a volunteer run teen center to give area teens a place to hang out. The facility will also serve as a drop-in center that teens can go to in a time of crisis. The Stout Optimist Club is working in conjunction with Positive Alternatives Inc., a local non-profit organization that specializes in serving at-risk youth.

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### In other news...

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Student Life Services (ASLS) Ed Nieskes resigned from UW-Stout due to false expense reimbursements.

Assistant ASLS Vice Chancellor Phillip Lyons has taken over as the division's interim chancellor.

"The recent resignation of the Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Student Life Services was in the best interest of UW-Stout, and the university has responded in a positive, professional manner," said Chancellor Sorenson. "I have appointed an excellent person as the Interim Vice Chancellor and a search for a permanent replacement will be conducted as soon as possible."

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# The larger significance of the death of Trayvon Martin: The black male is at war with society

Lakayana Drury

*President of Black Student Union*

The death of Trayvon Martin has stirred something inside many of us; it feels different, it feels outrageous—out of the ordinary. But when we reflect and think about it for a moment, the death of a young black male by the gun is not a new story. For as much as Trayvon was killed by George Zimmerman, he could have been equally likely to die at the hands of a police officer, or another black brother. The black male is at war with society. He is fighting an inner war of identity with himself and an outer war of anger and misunderstanding with society.

The black male is a soul in search of an identity. Too often the father figure is missing from our lives, and this is true for all classes of black men from the President of the United States down to the brother living in Atlanta's urban ghettos. Those fathers that are around often fail to produce a positive image that is worth emulating. Alternatively, to fill this void, black males are fed these self-defeating images of the "thug" or "gangster": the "hard" black male who sells drugs, belongs to a gang, is hyper aggressive and does not participate in society. It's either that or be a rapper or athlete, both of which are not realistic for the black masses as a whole. Put simply, the black male struggles to find a consistent and realistic role model in his life with which to emulate.

The killing of Trayvon Martin feels different because he was a well-loved boy with a promising future who was not looking for trouble. His father's resilience and strength in the wake of his son's murder speaks to his role as his father. He [Trayvon] looks innocent in his picture smiling brightly and seems to have been on a good path despite his suspension from school for marijuana. The fact that he was killed in a gated community by a man who appears white has fueled the outrage. If Trayvon had been killed by another black

man in the inner city, he would probably be just another stain on the concrete.

The problem with this tragedy is we are highlighting the wrong issue. The fact that Zimmerman appears white, although he is biracial, allows us to point towards racism as the cause instead of acknowledging the broader conflict of war the black male is fighting against society that is claiming our sons one way or another. What should be the real focus of this case is destructive war being waged between society and the black male. We need to ask ourselves why so many young brothers go to jail, join gangs, sell drugs, become unemployed or become victims of gun crimes?

## Moving forward.

In order to move forward we must acknowledge the problem. The deaths of [our] young black men are, for the most part, not due to a hidden racism or an aggressive police state. Black males are coming in contact with destructive forces and fighting against themselves and against society. Yes, the system preys on us, incarcerating us for petty crimes which often eliminates us from the employment field and starts us down a dark path, but we can change it. First, we must be fathers. Not just being in our son's lives, but interacting with them, nurturing them and leading by example. A true man expresses his feelings; kiss your sons, tell them how much you care, let them know that they are loved, that it is ok to cry. Let go of the thug image and express your emotions. Educate your children, supplement their learning in institutions with lessons they will not receive in school, including an in depth exploration of

black history and culture. Make them aware of the dangers that lurk in the world, including lack of education, unemployment and the effects of drugs, and the importance of a father figure. Teach them to limit destructive forces and influences in our lives: severely limit exposure to almost all of the hip-hop music that promotes, gangs, violence, excessive partying and pimping women. Teach them how to interact with their siblings, how to interact with women, the joy of sports but the reality of education.

The killing of Trayvon also reminds us that

the black male is a target in society; this is an undeniable fact, and while we can do our best to avoid conflict, sometimes it will come to you and with that knowledge, we must be prepared to defend ourselves by any means necessary. Take a break from this summer's basketball camps and instead enroll yourself and your kids in martial arts and self-defense courses. Areas of focus should include grappling and locking; training should also include disarming opponents with weapons. The idea

is not to attack others, but should our life be threatened, we should have the knowledge to effectively immobilize those who would do us harm. Such courses encourage physical activity and build on life principles of honor, respect and humility. Additionally, we must teach our children conflict-resolution skills to help avoid altercations if possible. Such skills would have been valuable in Trayvon's instance. The black male instinct is often to react aggressively against those who confront us, which is not

how Trayvon reacted, but can be detrimental by escalating the conflict. As far as arming ourselves with weapons—especially guns—this is not the answer. We have seen the effects of guns for far too long in our society; they have claimed the lives of our greatest leaders and cut short the lives of our most promising sons. The most powerful weapon we have is our mind; cultivating those of our children is ultimately the way to move forward.

Ultimately, Trayvon Martin lives on inside all of us. His death is a tragedy and a story we have seen all too often. The strength of his family, especially his parents Tracy Martin and Sybrina Fulton, is something we can all find inspiration in. There is a lot of emotion in this killing and, for those of us who are filled with feelings of hate or anger, I would encourage you to think: How would Martin Luther King Jr. respond? What would he say about Trayvon Martin? To all my fellow black brothers out there, enough is enough. We can no longer point fingers at racism or the police state as a justification of our shortcomings. We must hold ourselves to higher standards and demand more from ourselves, from our parents, from our friends and our family. We cannot simply move out of the hood and never look back. No, we must return like Harriet Tubman and guide others out of the shadows and into the land of opportunities. We must stand up against these hip-hop artists, call them out and declare "No, that is not the true image of a black man. I will show you what a true black man is capable of!" Trayvon exists inside all of us and we must stand together and end this war that we are waging. We must seize this moment, while the country is supporting us and marching with us in the streets for our fallen brother and declare this is the time when the black male shall redeem his spirit and find his way. The war must end now. As Fred Hampton once said, "You can kill the revolutionary, but you can't kill the revolution!" Now is the time.

Dedicated to Trayvon Martin, his family and those moved by his death



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## IT'S TIME . . .

## TO TALK ABOUT IT! CONNECT. RESPECT. PREVENT SEXUAL VIOLENCE.

April may be National Sexual Assault Awareness month, but it is an issue that needs to be addressed every day of the year by parents, teachers, schools, churches and our communities. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the results for the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey 2010 (NISVS) state that "on average, 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalk-

ing by an intimate partner in the U.S." That is more than 12 million men and women who become victims each year.

These numbers are staggering and emphasize the fact that sexual violence is a significant public health problem in the United States. At the University of Wisconsin-Stout, students in the Human Development and Family Studies program are bringing awareness to the campus and

surrounding communities by participating in Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) through the National Sexual Violence Resource Center. The campaign for 2012 is "It's time... to talk about it!" There will be a variety of social action projects the month of April such as spreading the word via social networking sites and area publications, collaborating with Eau Claire county Jail to provide

sexual assault awareness and prevention, discussing dating violence and healthy dating at area high schools and the "Take Back the Night" event.

Sexual assault is any unwanted sexual act. The assailant may be a stranger, but it is much more likely to be an acquaintance, a family member or someone the victim knows well. Please join us in spreading the word, for it is indeed time to talk about it.



# For The People...

## A Conference on Participatory Democracy

**Jerad Maplethorpe**  
Interim Editor-in-Chief  
Opinions Editor

In the United States, it is important to discuss how decisions are made. In fact, it is essential; for democracy as a system of government, would be obsolete without this process. What do you suppose would happen if we, the people, decided to abstain from issues concerning our governance? We would surrender our ability to actuate change, of course. We would be akin to spheres on a flat surface, free to roll in whichever direction we were pushed.

On April 4, the University of Wisconsin-Stout Social Science Society held their first-ever conference in the Memorial Student Center. The conference ran for four hours, in which two featured presentations were given by guest speakers. Fortunately for me, these were the two hours that I was able to attend.

Prior to listening to the guest speakers, we all gathered in one of the small conference rooms, introduced ourselves and then were informed of how the event would proceed. I must admit, there did seem to be a mild tension in the room while we all stood there anticipating how this first-ever event would go. Many of the attendees, including myself, didn't know many of the other participants, which, when compounded by a topic as seemingly ambiguous as "participatory democracy," made the whole thing a bit intimidating. Well, momentarily, anyways.

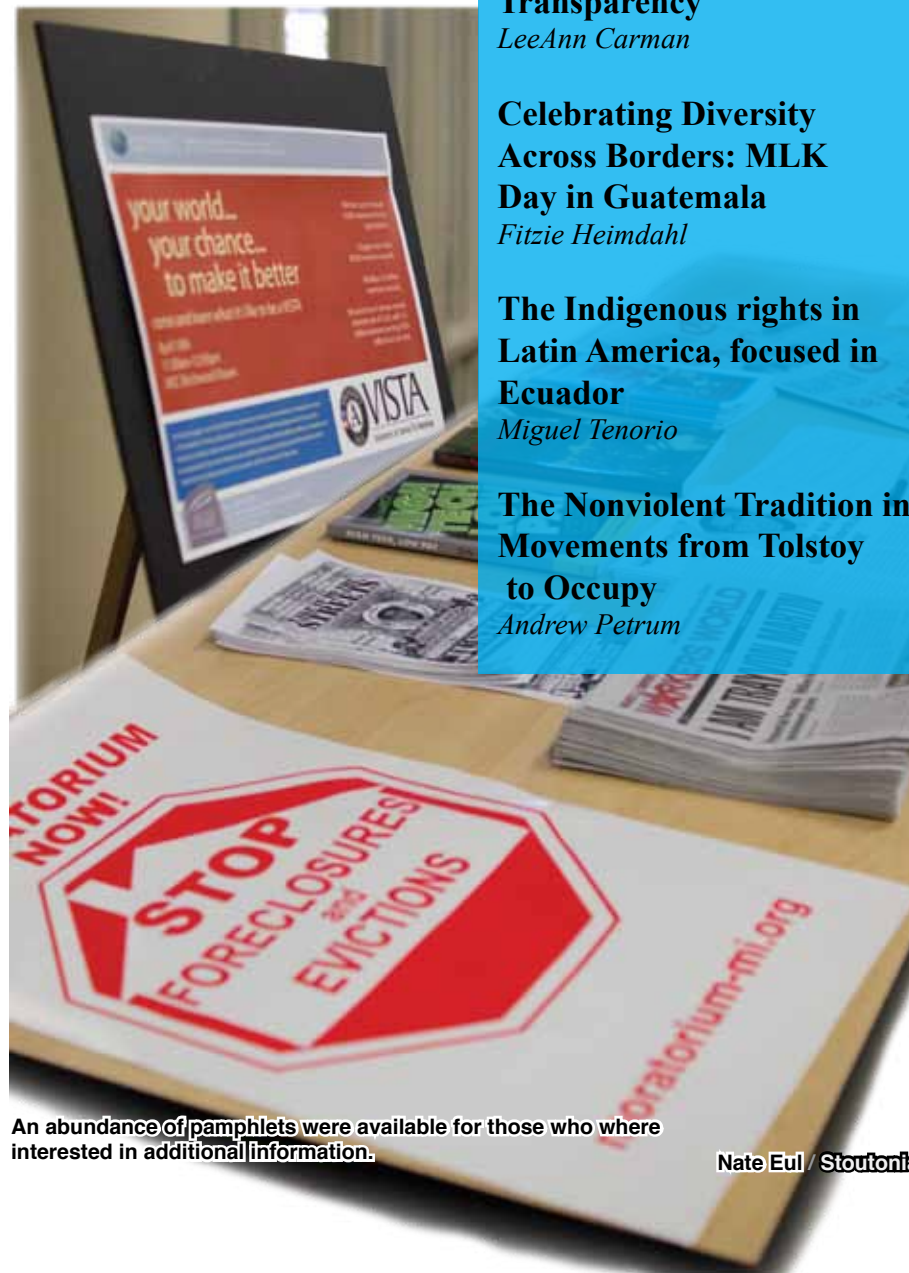
Once the first guest speaker, Christopher Freeman, began his presentation "Cultural Democracy: On Freedom," I realized that this was going to be an inspirational two hours. Freeman dove into a long-forgotten fact: Americans did not establish the democratic process; in actuality it arose in ancient Greece. And, based on the astounding number of people that don't know that, it shouldn't come as a surprise that the Grecian concept of democracy isn't the same as the one we practice today. The word may be the same, but the pureness of the idea has been polluted.

As I mentioned earlier, this whole event was based on the concept of "participatory democracy," that is, the idea that individuals within a society must be willing to participate in the government's decision-making process, not simply by voting, but by relating to their fellow citizens and attempting to create solutions that are best for the society as a whole. In other words, it is an attempt to contemplate and debate issues from a humanistic perspective, and not merely from the black-and-white, republican-or-democrat approach that plagues our current "democratic" process.

It saddens me that, although there were quite a few professors that participated in the

event, only a handful of students bothered to attend. I understand that we're all busy people (does anyone attest to not being busy?), but this doesn't mean that we should ignore political discussions altogether. If you're intimidated by politics simply because you don't know much about it, that's fine— you can still listen or ask questions. (If you ask questions, make sure to get an opinion from both sides.)

If I were to ask you why the United States' military is in Afghanistan, what would you say? What if I asked your opinion about the individual mandate concerning the health care bill? Sure, you don't need to know all of the details, but it would be wise to at least have some background information on these—and other—political topics. After all, what good is a democracy if the citizens don't care to know anything about it?



An abundance of pamphlets were available for those who were interested in additional information.

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# 48 HOURS TO FILM

**Jeff Gebert**  
Staff Writer

During the weekend of March 23, some of the University of Wisconsin-Stout's most creative students participated in the annual 48-Hour Film Fest.

The rules were simple: each team had 48 hours to write and direct a film centered around the theme "Journey." Each team also had to include the line "every day, in every way, I am getting better and better," as well as a prop that emitted light.

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**Gnome Hunters**, one of the films that competed in the 48-hour Film Fest. Although they did not win the competition, they said that it was more about how much fun they had making it.

active Techniques). The organization specializes in computer graphics, film, animation, 3-D and so on. Siggraph has also sponsored other events around campus such as the "Stop Motion Challenge."

Once Sunday, March 25 rolled around, the 48 hours were up and the six groups submitted their films that varied in genre from comedy to drama. Film length ranged from one minute, 21 seconds to 10 minutes, 45 seconds.

The winning movie was entitled "Desperate Times" and told the tale of a man who accidentally adds laxatives to his coffee and his epic struggle to find a toilet on a campus full of occupied stalls. Runners up included the movies "48 Hours" and "RED."

The winner was announced at an awards ceremony on Monday, March 26, as declared by three judges, including Keif Oss, Video Production instructor, and

Joan Navarre, Fiction to Film/American Cinema instructor.

All of the videos from this year's festival are available for viewing pleasure at <http://vimeo.com/channels/306740>. For more on movie-making or computer animation, stop by a Siggraph meeting on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in APPA 321, or check out their Facebook page "Siggraph UW Stout Chapter" at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/2419004266/>.

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# GLASS CASTLE BOOK REVIEW

Rachel Policano  
Staff Writer

Your car requires an expensive repair and you've ruined your best pair of shoes. Sounds pretty terrible right? Those of us that are privileged enough to afford a car and more than one pair of shoes may find that these dilemmas are annoying, but it's okay, because you are more than willing to fork over the money to repair both (or at least beg mom and dad to help you out, and you will absolutely pay them back) because you need these things; because you just can't go on without them.

Now imagine this: your five-person family is running on fumes, literally. A decent pair of shoes, clean clothing that fits you and a good meal is never guaranteed. And a car? Sure, you have one, but it is in no way reliable. You have to get by on scraps of everything or do without it because you're at the whim of your parents' decisions and more often than not, they choose

their desired "addictions" over providing for their children.

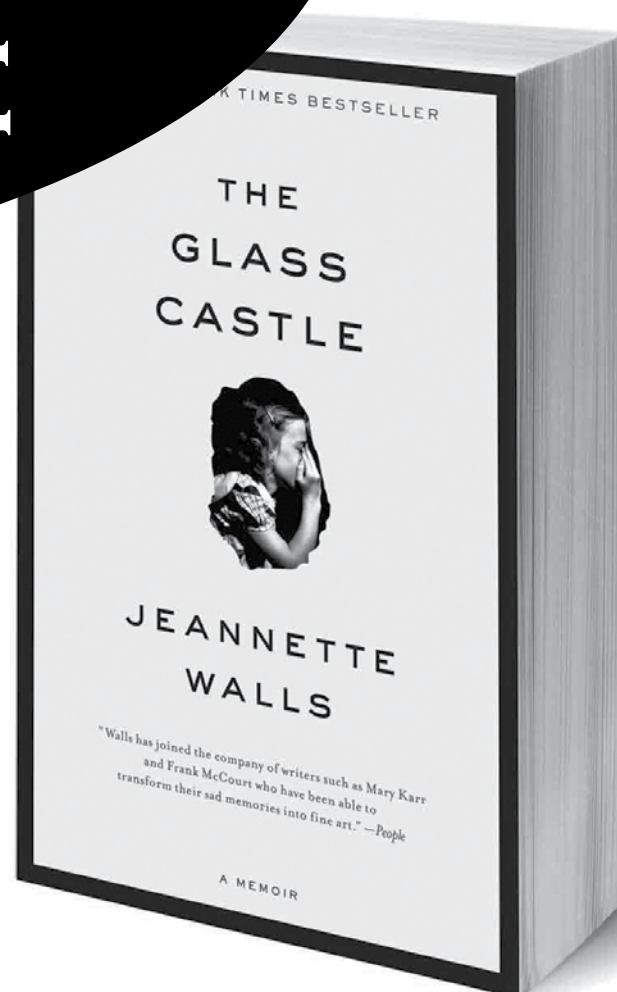
If you think that sounds unbearable, you have just read the basic concept of Jeanette Walls' childhood, which can be understood in more detail via her memoir, "The Glass Castle."

In her novel, Walls recalls a series of memories that have occurred in each place she has lived, which include locations amongst the desert states of the southwest and the Appalachian Mountain city of Welch, W. Va. In essence, you "watch" her grow up as seen through her eyes; from a toddler in a trailer park to, well, you'll just have to read it to find out how she fares in the end.

Critics and major entertainment reviewers have applauded this novel to great extent and I praise it as much as everyone else does. Walls' memories in "The Glass Castle" are at times revolting and unimaginable, but that is also the beauty of it. Through her hardships and experi-

ences, I came upon some of my greatest realizations about life and living: never take what you have for granted; you can achieve whatever you set your mind to, especially if you work hard and never give up; and in the end family is really all that matters.

This book is well worth the read and will change you and how you view your life. If it doesn't? Well darling, you've just missed the author's point entirely.



## Cabaret performance by University Theatre



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University Theatre presents the musical "Cabaret" at 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 13-14, and Thursday-Saturday, April 19-21, in Harvey Hall Theatre.

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Music and lyrics are by John Kander and Fred Ebb, who also were the creators of the musical "Chicago."

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# GOOD TIMES BAD FILMS

Rose Meier  
Entertainment Editor

A module exhibit of the Menomonie drive-in theater that operated in Wakanda Park from 1953-1985 was created by University of Wisconsin-Stout design and construction students and will premiere at the Russell J. Rassbach Heritage Museum on Friday, April 20 at 7 p.m. Student research displays and a double feature film showing accompany the exhibit.

Executive Director of the Dunn County Historical Society Chuck Backus has been working closely with American Cinema professor Dr. Joan Navarre and the design and construction students to bring the exhibit to life. Dates, film showings and employees at the Menomonie drive-in theater were not documented.

"Because we have so little information [about the Menomonie outdoor theater] on our own at the historical society, the students have had to go out and find it wherever they can," said Backus. "In addition to that, they took the next step of taking their ideas and putting them into a comprehensive design that allows them to recreate the Menomonie outdoor theater inside of our auditorium," said Backus. "It's incredible,

impressive work. To find volunteers with not only the time and level of commitment, but the expertise to take these designs from the printed page to actuality; it's nothing short of amazing what students at UW-Stout are able to do."

With no photographs of the drive-in, the design group worked from a Google maps image and testimonials to create the set. The design team consists of Industrial Design majors Katie Driver, Kirsten Kuehn and Sarah Melaney.

"It's a module exhibit, and what we mean by that is that we decided as a design team to tackle big scale things in separate units," said Driver. "We have a ticket booth, an exterior sign, a concession stand and the scaffolding screen."

The design team worked with construction majors to ensure that the designs they wanted to create would be possible to build.

"Each designer partnered with a construction member to build one of the three elements to tackle the project," said Driver.

"We work together to figure out solutions," said Melaney. "We have the ideas and then the construction students help to implement them.

Even though I've been designing since freshman year, before this opportunity I had yet to see one of my designs come to life."

The set also includes a memory wall and the exhibit creators hope to gather more history of the drive-in theater.

"Folks can come and share their recollections of the drive-in theater," said Backus. "The more stories we get, the better. The Menomonie outdoor theater has deep roots in this community, and it would be a tragedy if we lost that history."

Students from Navarre's American Cinema class will be presenting their research findings about the outdoor theater. The students have been working on documenting every film showed at the theatre with each student specializing in a certain year.

"All of the old Dunn County newspapers are on microfilm in the University library," said Navarre. "So it's a great introduction to research for students because they have to work with the archives and use the machines. They are going through every issue of the newspaper to look for the advertisement for the films that were

played [at the outdoor theater]. The students are also finding things in the newspapers that interest them and adding that to their display. It's really exciting for students because they are realizing that they are contributing to a big gap in the knowledge."

Films that were shown at the drive-in theater were typically second-run films in the interest of keeping costs and ticket prices down.

"The Menomonie drive-in was notorious for showing bad movies," said Driver. "But the times that were had there were good."

Do you have a memory of the Menomonie outdoor theater? Share it at the Double Feature Drive In: Good Times—Bad Films Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Double-Feature-Drive-in-Good-Times-Bad-Films/195798033837040>. Premiere night on April 20 will feature two Edward D. Wood Jr. films "Bride of the Monster" and "Night of the Ghouls." The film series will continue the following two Fridays. April 27 will feature "Plan 9 from Outer Space" and "Glen and Glenda." May 4 will feature "Ed Wood" starring Johnny Depp.

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**Friday, May 4**

A Tim Burton film "Ed Wood" starring Johnny Depp

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# UNDIE RUN STREAKS THE STREETS

The second annual Undie Run took place on Monday, March 26. The event is a run through campus to raise clothing donations for a local charity and is sponsored by the American Marketing Association.



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## MENOMONIE AMAZING RACE

The Amazing Race: Stout Style happened on Wednesday, April 4. Teams had to race to check points and complete various tasks including climbing the indoor rock wall and drinking wheat grass at the Raw Deal. The event was sponsored by Stout Pre-Health Society, Optimal Health Committee and UW-Stout Student Health Services Peer Health Educators.



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# ROTC'S THURSDAY MORNINGS

**Andrew Schneider**  
Staff Writer

Every Thursday morning, the cadets of the University of Wisconsin-Stout's Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) meet for morning labs to learn how to become future leaders in the United States Army. Cadets are given tasks and must lead other cadets in carefully planned training exercises. These labs are de-

signed to not only give cadets the opportunity to test themselves as leaders, but also to give them an idea of the struggles that a military officer might face in modern warfare.

On March 22, Cadet Ian Dahm led cadets in two scenarios to simulate situations they may encounter overseas and also to test other cadet's leadership abilities in these situations.

The first scenario was to show how to deal with the media on the battlefield, where some-

times nosy reporters from the Stoutonia or other major news organizations can cause problems. By not moving tactically, a reporter could give away a squad's position or walk into a known enemy location. To keep the reporter safe—and from interfering with the mission—the cadets had to inform the media that the area was not safe. Cadets also ask reporters for any information about the area that may be helpful to the mission.

Since a reporter could also be a spy, or accidentally disclose classified information, cadets are kept from disclosing information about the mission, information about themselves, or anything about the equipment that they were carrying.

"To treat civilians on the battlefield and media on the battlefield in a calm and professional manner will help the soldiers in the long run," said Dahm. "The soldiers are there for the well being of not only themselves, but the well being of others."

The other scenario cadets went through was how to react to an improvised explosive device (IED). Simulation IEDs were hidden along a path cadets were traveling on. After finding the IED, they cleared the area and called up Explosives Ordinance Disposal (EOD). Keeping a sharp eye and knowing the common tricks used by bomb makers is the key to completing this exercise.

"Our cadre stressed to us after in the After Action Review (AAR) that when deployed, they've witnessed an entire unit waiting for hours on end, even entire days, waiting for EOD to come in and take care of an IED," said Dahm. "By taking ownership of the IED, you create precautionary mea-



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sures to protect innocent civilians, children, other soldiers, etc."

These exercises not only get cadets ready for leading soldiers in the U.S. Army, but get them prepared for Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) which is a course that is used to rate cadets after their junior year. At LDAC they will go through a month long field exercise that will test them on all the things that they learn at their weekly labs at UW-Stout.

"The training is very staged, and to be honest can create some laughs at times, but the situations abroad and at home are very real," Cadet Dahm. "It's these thorough processes that will save lives. That's what's important, that lives are not taken on either side of the playing field."



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# PLAYER PROFILE: AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE BENCH WARMER

**Morgan Pfaller**  
Staff writer

They say for a true athlete time slows down on the playing field, just enough to calculate the next move, line up the shot and score. It's a skill that can only be perfected, not purchased or acquired through hours of practice. Without this talent a person may find themselves watching the game from the bleachers or sitting the bench still wearing their practice jersey. My athletic skills put me in the latter of the two categories: I was a regular bench warmer.

In high school I was fairly tall; possibly one of the tallest girls in my school, but rather uncoordinated. Each coach I encountered said that I was a diamond in the rough and that with a little bit more time and practice, I would be number one out on the court (An 11 rather than a plain old 10). Their excitement over my presence was the adrenaline rush I needed to suit up for the first day of practice every year. I was

ready, and this was my Cinderella story-an awkward girl turned star athlete.

Instead, my debut performance on the field was mix between a drunken baby colt and Forrest Gump testing out his new leg braces. I knew at that moment very few Big 10 Schools would be offering me an athletic scholarship; in fact, people were more likely to encourage me not to play. My short-lived dream was over. However, I stuck out my commitment and remained on the team as a bona fide bench warmer.

College was a great transition from high school, although I avoided intramurals and anything recreational like it was the plague. My sophomore year I began writing for the school newspaper, the Stoutonia; ironically for the sports section. After interviewing many athletes with a long list of accomplishments, I felt it was time to go undercover and gain a little insight on what it was like to be the other guys on the team: the bench warmer.

I asked several coaches if I could participate on the team and quickly became a temporary Blue Devil. It didn't take long to realize how much time an athlete spent practicing and weight training, along with balancing school and a work. I really wondered why someone would stick out such a commitment when they weren't getting the same amount of playing time as some of the better players; it was dedication beyond my understanding.

Team bonding was just as mandatory as weight training. "A team that gets along off the court will be in unison on the court," said our coach. In my short time on the team, I attended one spaghetti dinner and a sleepover; both events generated many inside jokes that made grueling practices a little more bearable. During a pre-game warm up cheer, I realized I had made friends with my teammates and we shared a special bond. We were student athletes (okay so I was a pseudo-student athlete) and that was something that

made us better friends because it set us apart from everyone else.

I never stepped foot on the court during a game, but I felt that I had dedicated just as much time as everyone else on the team. It was frustrating at times, but at the end of the day I think sticking out my commitment to the team will take me farther in life than if I had just given up and quit. I realized my time of sitting the bench gave me the drive I needed to accomplish other things in my life. I wasn't a talented athlete, but I worked hard to earn a promotion at work and a 3.5 GPA every semester.

My time as a student athlete was short lived. Even though my stats read zero and I never broke a sweat, I enjoyed my experience and I'm glad it is behind me. Unlike Michael Jordan and Brett Favre, I planned to permanently retire from the world of sports.

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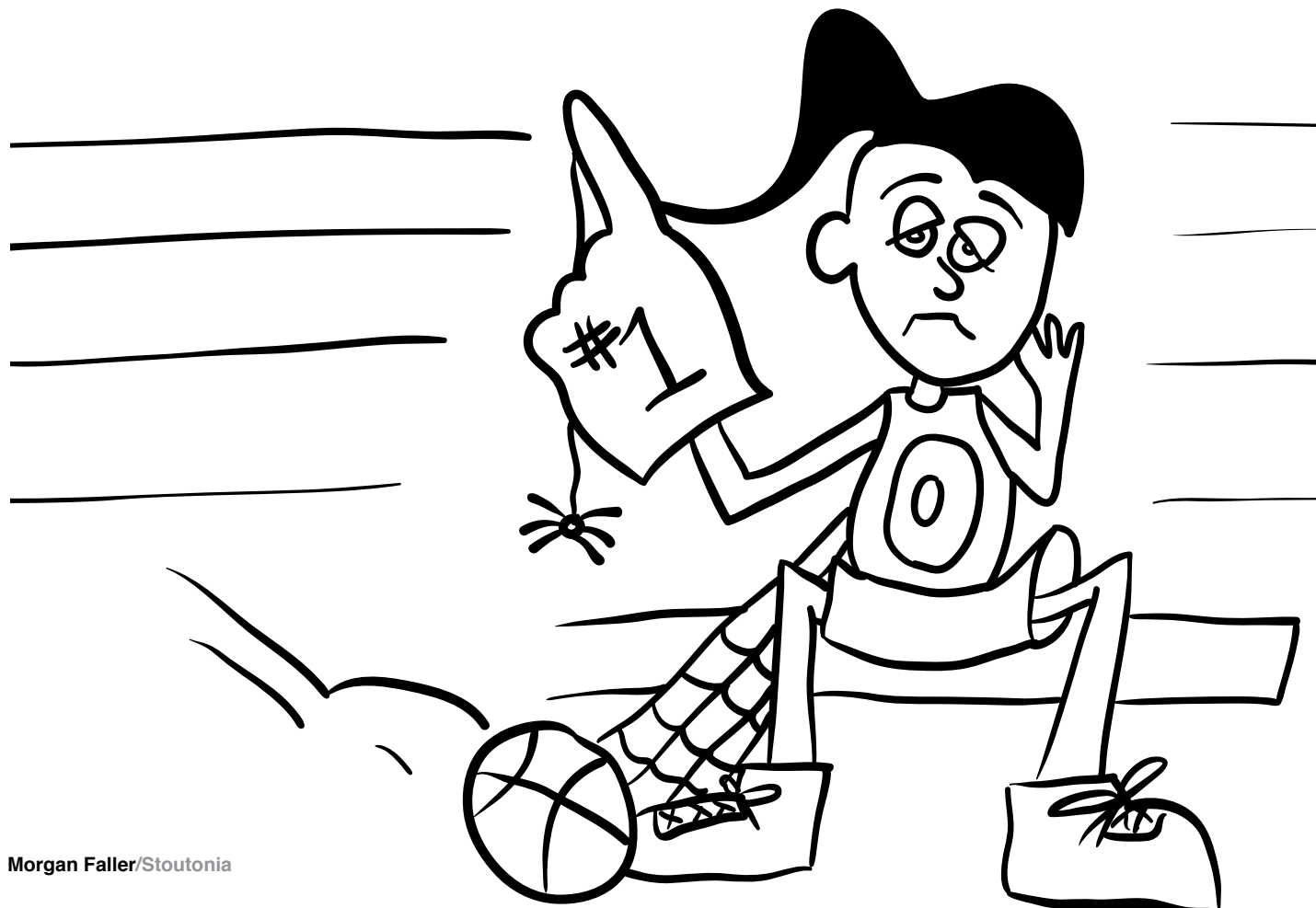
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- Softball vs UW-Platteville (DH) @ 1 p.m.
- Baseball at UW-Platteville (DH) @ 12 p.m.

## ■ April 11th:

- Baseball vs UW-Superior (DH) @ 1 p.m.

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- Softball at UW-Eau Claire (DH) @ 4 p.m.

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- Baseball at UW-Whitewater (DH) @ 12 p.m.

TWO BLUE DEVILS RECEIVE  
ALL-AMERICA HONORS AT THE NCGA

Kelsey Penrod  
Staff writer

This year two University of Wisconsin-Stout gymnasts sophomore Brittany Deziel and freshman Katherine Prouty both received the All-American award in all-around during the gymnastics meet on Friday, March 23. The 2012 National Collegiate Gymnastics Association Championships (NCGA) took place at Brockport, NY. The two UW-Stout students tied for ninth with an overall score of 36.275 and also tied with the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire's Danielle Schultzenberg. The All-American award was the first for both Blue Devil performers.

"It was fun traveling to New York," said Deziel. "It is always fun to travel with the team." Deziel started gymnastics when she was three years old. Deziel's parents put her in the sport to help combat her shyness at a young age. "The sport definitely made me less shy,"

said Deziel, "You have to compete in front of a big audience and it helps me learn how to cope with nerves."

Deziel grew up in gymnastics and traveled often for the sport. Even after her college career, Deziel hopes to coach gymnastics in the future. She is pursuing a coaching minor to gain experience. "I want to coach a high school team," said Deziel, "It's fun to teach girls new things and see what they can do."

Oregon native Katherine Prouty also has made many accomplishments with the UW-Stout team. Along with winning the All-American in the all-around during day one of the NCGA meet, Prouty also received a second All American award in the vault. She scored a 9.40 and is the fifth Blue Devil to earn the All-America honor on the vault.

"It felt really good," said Prouty, when referring to her award accomplishments. "It was cool to be up there with a teammate as well."

"We weren't expecting to tie at all. I thought

either she or I would place, but not both. It was kind of a cool thing," said Deziel.

"The team was very proud of us," said Deziel. "They are all super nice girls and good gymnasts, who were very supportive of us." Along with great team morale, a lot of hard work and dedication goes into practices and meets. It also takes a great mentality in order to be successful. Confidence and a good attitude go a long way with gymnastics.

Along with these accomplishments, the two gymnasts still have more goals for the future. "I want to focus on upgrading vault and being more consistent in the future," says Prouty. Her two All-American honors make her strive for even more goals.

"I only have two years left," said Deziel, "So I want to continue to do all-around for Stout and place again in the All-American for all-around. I would love to advance to day two for nationals next year."

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# BATting IN THE PALMS: STOUT SOFTBALL HEADS TO FLORIDA

**Kelsey Penrod**  
Staff writer

During the University of Wisconsin-Stout's spring break, many students traveled toward warmer locations for much needed relaxation and sun bathing; for the Blue Devils softball team, this was not the case. The UW-Stout softball team traveled to Clermont, Fla. to compete in a spring training tournament during the week of spring vacation. Six of the seven days were spent on the field as the team competed against 10 other teams.

The Blue Devils were part of a very competitive draw of teams for this year's spring training tournament. One of the teams was ranked within the top 15 in the nation.

"Saturday was a tough day," said head coach Chris Stainer, "It was our first day and the team had little sleep. We had to leave for flights at 3 a.m. on Friday and perform the next day. Plus, the team was not acclimated to the high temperatures in Florida. The first game was against a division two team and they had some really tough pitchers. I feel

that none of these can be excuses, but challenges. We had to make adjustments, but we grew as a team." The second day the Blue Devils played a nationally ranked team. They came in close with an ending score loss of 3-2 which showed UW-Stout's potential for this coming season.

In Florida, the players lived together in two houses for the week of the spring training tournament. "It was fun being able to bond 24/7," said one of UW-Stout's starting pitchers, Tara Kimberly, "We all get along so well. It's nice to have the comradery, friendship and competitiveness." Team bonding allows for the ladies to become an even stronger team on and off the field. "Team bonding is something that is hard to measure and hard to teach. It comes down to the kids making an effort to involve everyone and be open to diversity and accept others strengths and weaknesses. The chemistry amongst the team is definitely tight," said coach Stainer.

Since the team rented houses with full kitchens, they were able to cook their own healthy meals to keep energy levels high. "It is very important to make sure that the team is taking

on the right fuel," said coach Stainer, "We have a sports dietician who assists us on the importance of proper nutrition and hydration." This healthy lifestyle helped the Blue Devils finish the week off with wins. Their final tournament standing was 6-4.

The spring training tournament was completely covered by the UW-Stout softball team fundraisers, which occur throughout the year to fund tournament travel. The team fundraises in a number of ways, including security for the University of Minnesota football games, poinsettia sales on holidays, take letter donations and volunteer at softball camps at clinics.

UW-Stout's softball 2012 season has just begun. The team is prepared for a competitive season as they continue with practices. Coach Stainer said how she is looking forward to this season with the ladies, "I'm excited to see the kids finally see themselves as the great players they are. The girls are starting to see that when they are in control of their attitude and effort, they can do a lot of amazing things. When you see all of their effort come together, the light bulb comes on. That is my paycheck."



Matt Culbertson/Stoutonia

**Batter's up!**

## BLUE DEVILS DROPPED THREE OF FOUR GAMES TO 11TH RANKED POINTERS

**Kou Yang**  
Staff writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's baseball team faced their toughest opponent of the season in the 11th ranked Pointers of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Saturday, March 31 and Sunday, April 1. The Blue Devils split the first doubleheader on Saturday but were swept in Sunday's doubleheader.

The Blue Devils got on top early in the first game on Saturday when Jon Scoch, a senior from Chippewa Falls, Wis., hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the first inning. The Pointers came back in the top of the second inning with six hits and five runs to take the lead. UW-Stout got back in the game with two runs in their half of the second inning but UW-Stevens Point never let up and won 10-6.

The second game of Saturday's doubleheader was the most evenly matched game of the weekend.

The score was 1-0 in the Pointer's favor after Tyler Hamann, a junior pitcher from Marathon, Wis., gave up a run in the top half of the first inning. The Blue Devils got on the scoreboard in the fourth inning with a run and then added three more runs in their home half of the fifth inning.

Hamann settled down and was cruising until the sixth inning when he gave up a home run and issued three walks but escaped with only two earned runs. The Blue Devils picked up an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth inning

and held on to a 5-3 victory.

"He was just getting tired. His pitch count was into the 90's in the sixth inning; he left a few pitches up and let a couple of runs in, but he pitched great," said pitching coach Adam Curynski.

Hamann pitched six innings, scattered seven hits, gave up three earned runs and picked up the win to go to 2-0.

"The biggest difference was that we didn't let the big innings hurt us. We left some pitches up in the zone [in the first game] and let a five-run inning beat us. We pitched great in the second game and that was the difference," said head coach Toby Gardenhire.

The second day of play went in the Pointers favor as they pounded out 43 hits and scored 32 runs in two games against the Blue Devils.

The first game on Sunday was 5-5 going into the top of the eighth inning when UW-Stevens Point banded out nine hits and scored nine runs, and then would go on to add four more runs in the ninth inning for a convincing 18-5 victory.

The second game on Sunday was much of the same, as UW-Stevens Point used a five-run third inning and a four-run ninth inning to win 14-8.

Shortstop Ryan Gangestad, a freshman from Maple Grove, Minn., went 3 for 4 with three RBIs and a scored run.

The Blue Devils will host a doubleheader against Saint Mary's University on Tuesday, April 3 at 2 p.m.



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## WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

It was a successful meet for the Blue Devils as three members of the University of Wisconsin-Stout's women's track team took the top three spots in the 10,000 meter dash at the North Central College First Chance Meet on March 31. Alexa Ahler, a senior from Waukesha, Wis. took first place with a time of 28:09.92. Katie Hicks, a sophomore from Anoka, Minn., took second with a time of 38:47.33 and Bailye Durkin, a sophomore from Appleton, Wis., placed third with a time of 39:14.53.

Next game: The Blue Devils will travel to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls on Thursday, April 5.

## MEN'S GOLF

The UW-Stout men's golf team led the Loras College Spring Invitational by seven strokes after the first day of competition on Sunday, April 1 at the Thunder Hills Country Club. Sam Carr, a sophomore from Roseau, Minn., and Dan Nelson, a senior from Menomonie, ended the day in a three-way tie for third place with a four-over 76.

Next game: The team will compete at the Illinois Wesleyan Invitational on April 6.

## QUALIFIER SPORT

The boys traveled to the North Central College First Chance Meet on March, 31. Tim Nelson, a senior from Augusta, Wis., broke his own school record in the 10,000 meter run with a time 29:35:78. Mitch Easker, a junior from Antigo, Wis., was sixth in the event with a time of 31:20:23 and Justus Bibeau, a senior from White Bear Lake, Minn., was ninth with a time of 31:37:70.

Next game: The Blue Devils will return to action Thursday, April 5 at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

# Women's Hockey Club takes Championship

A big congratulations to the University of Wisconsin-Stout women's hockey club on their victory against the University of Alaska at the American Hockey Collegiate Association (ACHA) Division II National Championship game at Alice Noble Ice Arena in Wooster, Ohio. Also, congratulations to Kasey Blomberg for being named tournament MVP.

Can't wait to  
see you ladies  
out on the ice  
next year!



The team poses with their trophy.

Layne Pitt/Contributed Photo



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<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  UW-Stout Home Mens Baseball vs. UW-Superior @ UW-Stout Menomonie, WI <i>1 p.m.</i>	<b>12</b>  BDP Presents: Holly Spears with Cassidy Andrews @ MSC - <i>Terrace 8 p.m.</i>  Kitanahpalooza - Drag Show @ MSC Great Hall 7 p.m.	<b>13</b>  BDP Pres- ents: Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows @ Applied Arts 210 <i>6 / 9 p.m.</i>  28th Annual American Mul- ticultural Stu- dent Leadership Conference @ MSC Great Hall 4:30 a.m.	<b>14</b>  28th Annual American Mul- ticultural Stu- dent Leadership Conference (Continues) @ MSC Great Hall  Mens / Womens UW-Stout Track Invite @ UW-River Falls <i>11 a.m.</i>
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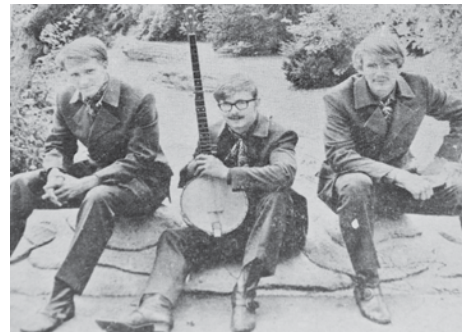


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### What is your favorite memory from the 70's?

***"I miss the psychedelic aroma of mist in the air."***

– Interim Editor-in-Chief/Opinions Editor, Jerad Maplethorpe

***"Real afros on real men!"***

– Production Manager, Jamie Olson

***"Gas was cheaper than beer."***

– Sports Layout Designer, Jason Pfitzer

***"Watching the premiere of 'School House Rocks.'"***

– Sports Editor, Morgan Pfaller

***"Tie dye and good music."***

– News Editor, Jessica Vaysberg

***"Watching Apollo 13 launch toward the moon on my cathode-ray tube television set."***

– Entertainment Editor, Rose Meier

***"Actually I preferred the 60's"***

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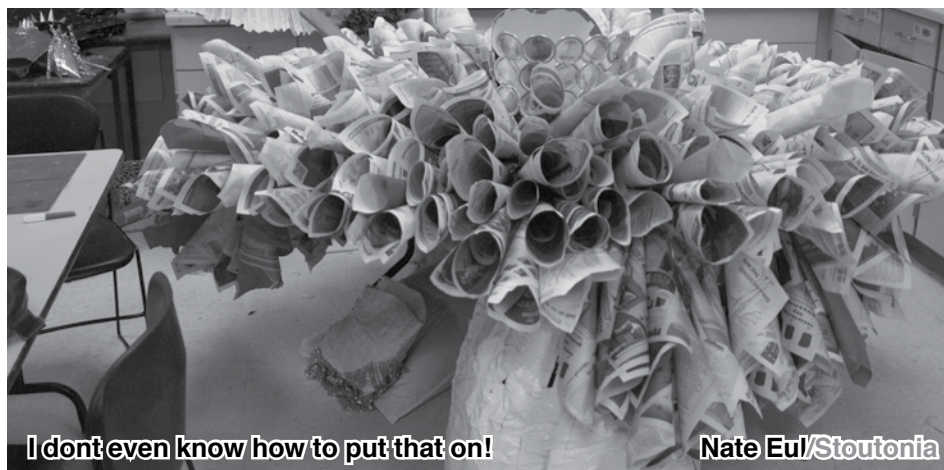
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***"I miss my avocado colored stove and mustard colored oven."***

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***"Bob F#\$@ing Ross!"***

– Digital Imaging Editor, Nate Eul



I dont even know how to put that on!

Nate Eul/Stoutonia

## Students push the limits of fashion

**Susan LoRusso**  
Staff Writer

Looking for innovative fashion design? Forget Paris, Milan or New York, because on Saturday, April 21 at 8 p.m., the Great Hall in the University of Wisconsin-Stout Memorial Student Center will host the annual Fashion Without Fabric event.

Over 150 students from the three-dimensional design art course have created 74 outfits to go down the runway.

While this is an annual event, new students are enrolled in the course, bringing new ideas to the catwalk. Each show has its own theme; this year's [theme] is "Virtue and Vices."

"The theme is decided by the professors at the beginning of the spring semester," said Sara Koller, Fashion Without Fabric student coordinator. "The students each interpret it differently, depending on what they think is a virtue or a vice."

Envisioning a fashion event without fabric may seem like a challenge to the average student, but these Art and Design students bring their creativity to the stage.

"Students create really elaborate pieces," said Koller. "This year there are some really crazy designs. One outfit is

made of shattered mirrors and another utilizes a table."

Koller enjoys the event so much that she has been involved with it for several years.

"I designed an outfit for the fashion show when I was a sophomore and was the coordinator's assistant the next year," said Koller.

Student designers work on their creations for months, but Koller feels the day of the fashion show is where students see their visions become realities.

"I love going to the show and seeing the students the day of the event," said Koller. "There is so much energy and it is fun seeing the students go down the runway. It is such a new experience for them and I love seeing their reactions."

Doors open at 7 p.m., and the Fashion Without Fabric show begins at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 21. Koller says to expect a high-energy show, complete with spectacular lights and music. UW-Stout alumnus Dave Hannigan will DJ the event.

The public is encouraged to purchase tickets in advance at [tickets.uwstout.edu](http://tickets.uwstout.edu). The cost is \$6 for students, \$7.50 for faculty and staff and \$10 for the general public.

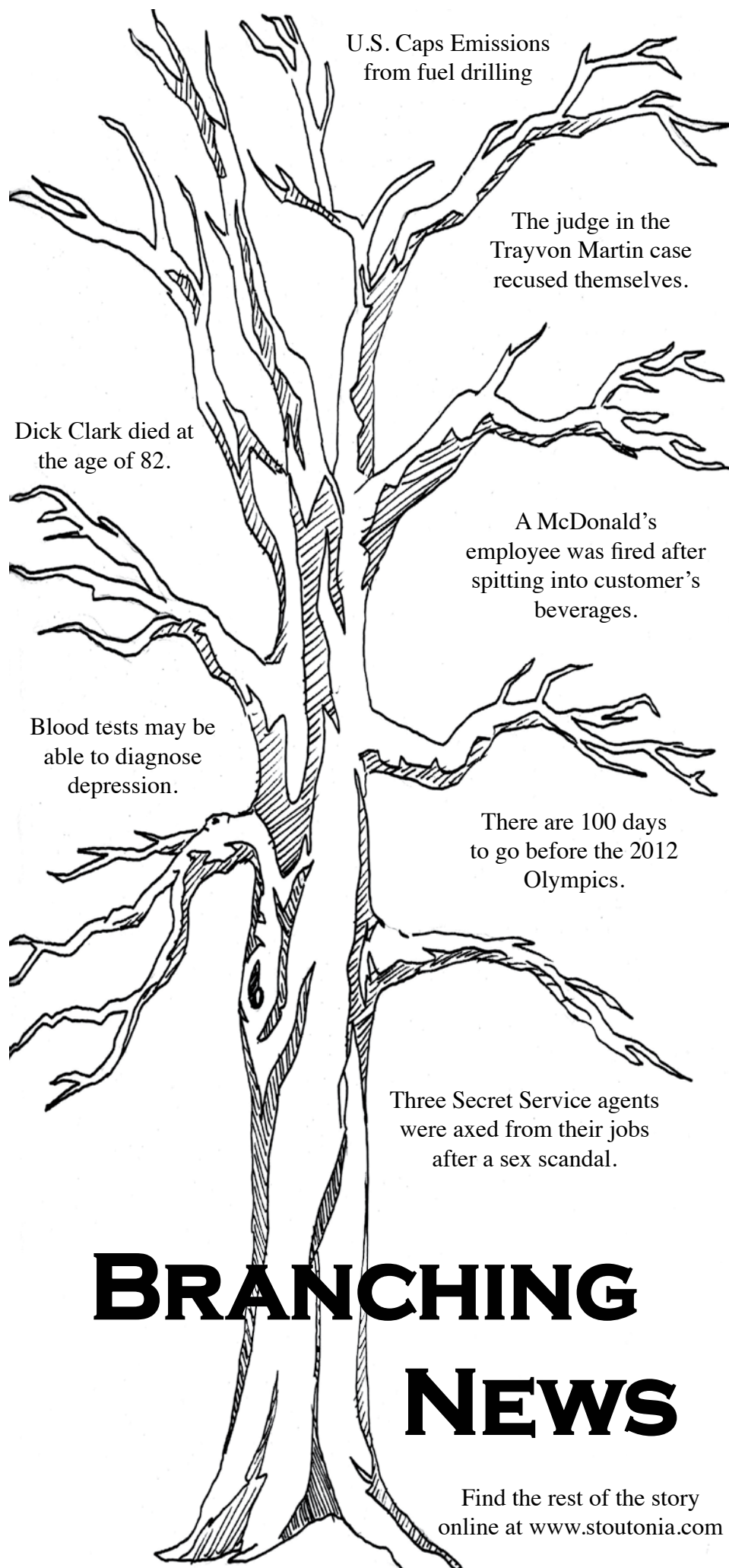
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Is that a dress made out of coffee?

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them even positioned themselves to have a better view of them while showering and that this same person eats lunch at their work and watches them there as well. A true creeper.

### Good Morning, Sunshine

### Amateur Autoist

4-4 Someone reported that they hit a parked vehicle in a lot on campus while trying to park their own vehicle. They must not have seen the car sitting there because it was moving too fast.

4-6 Residence hall staff found a person passed out drunk on the floor in one of the residence halls. Police responded after the residence hall staff were not able to wake the person up. Police were able to awaken the person; a flashlight in the face is all it took.

### Unclad Fatality

4-4 A person reported that they were being watched in the shower by someone also showering on campus before and after using the pool one day. The victim also stated that the person watching

### Rookie Mistake

4-9 Someone reported that they lost their StoutOne card on campus. They did not check to see if the card had been used, nor did they put a hold on the card before calling. Guess who will be supplying pizza and beer later?



# MEP STUDENTS CREATE PRODUCTS FOR SALE

Claire Mathiowetz  
Staff Writer

For students in the Manufacturing Enterprise program (MEP) April 21 is their day to show off all their hard work. The students are hosting the MEP Showcase event, which will present their products that they have collaborated on all semester.

There are five sections of the class who have worked for the past few months to create a business and develop a product. The showcase will happen on Parent's Day so that all of the students can display their work to parents and anyone else who comes to see the Grand Opening of the Memorial Student Center (MSC).

The classes worked together to each make a product and create it from start to finish. First they decided on an idea, then they split the class into teams, such as marketing, production, and finance departments, and from there they created their product and have sold many of each.

"The class is set up so that it is run as a business," said Karisa Schroeder, CEO for Express Yourshelf, and organizer of the showcase event. "We create our own business experience. Our teacher, Tom Harvey, is there to guide us but doesn't tell us how to run our business. It has truly been a wonderful learning experience."

Express Yourshelf sells shelves for \$30, that are standard shelf sizing, and also include up to 5 lettered frames. Any additional letters are \$5 each.

Visual Bliss is another one of the five companies, that sells VIBO, a four-foot lamp that changes colors and has a remote control that changes 16 different color settings as well as brightens, dims, strobes, flickers and much more. The four-foot lamp is \$45 and the company also sells a two-foot model, which is \$42.

Visual Bliss's CEO David Bauer wants to

continue selling this product after the class is over. "My heart says that I want to take the last couple of weeks with the people I have [in my company] to see if we can sell this product idea to a business that can actually make them," said Bauer. "I think that it is a sustainable product. There's a market and a demand and I don't see why it wouldn't last."

The third company is A Twist of Wine, which sells the Helix Wine Rack, an innovated and handcrafted device to hold wine bottles. The rack can be placed on a flat surface or hung from a wall, and comes in three different options: Cherry for \$44.99, Painted/Stained for \$44.99 and Aspen for \$39.99.

Ty Schrupp is the CEO of Hall of Frame, which sells \$30 floating diploma and \$20 floating picture frames. The frames have a wooden base and two pieces of glass that give it a floating effect.

"At the beginning of the semester we picked a generic Mother's Day gift idea, but it evolved to more than just that," said Schrupp. "The most successful class so far actually made diploma frames, so we thought that would work out well."

That idea seemed to have worked for the company, who has sold 127 so far, but has a goal of 150. Each company is required to sell and produce 100 products over the semester. Cork it, the fifth company, who sells corks in special shapes such as stars and hearts, isn't appearing in the showcase because they have already sold over 600 products.

The showcase will take place from 1-3 p.m. on April 21 in the Huffs Lounge in the MSC. "I'm really excited," said Chelsey Dohrn, CEO of A Twist of Wine. "I'm hoping to get a really good turnout and to show more people about our product and to hopefully reach a more open market."



Jerilyn Papierniak, Express YourShelf Co., works with Kazmir Teuteberg in the MEP Lab to perfect their shelving product.

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# An Education

(of a different kind)

Lita G. Olsen  
Guest Writer

The dense Dutch accent of Ferry Vergeer could transport anyone to Nijmegen, Netherlands. Vergeer's hometown is only one and a half hours outside of Amsterdam, the capital of the tiny country that, in total, is about the size of Maryland. Nijmegen has uneven cobblestone, and decorative details surrounding the window shutters. The feelings of wanderlust come all too easily in the form of daydreams when you reside in a small college town and at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, this feeling can be especially true. Students who live in Menomonie often hear about study abroad programs as they are bombarded with brochures and buttons throughout the school year, but how well do UW-Stout students know what life is like at other universities around the world?

Vergeer, an animated business and communications major with a background in marketing, is a student from the Netherlands.

Vergeer elaborated on his love-hate relationship with education in the Netherlands and said, "It is hard; it is so much harder there than

here in the U.S. We have rigorous eight-week periods, with the last two weeks being filled with exams where people walk around and monitor you as you take your tests. Here, however, I've had mostly open-book exams. I learn more there, but here is relaxed in a good way."

Even though schoolwork comes with much more ease in the U.S., there are still some things Vergeer misses about the Netherlands.

Vergeer said, "I miss the nightlife! Going to clubs and my kind of bars with crazy techno music. Here in Menomonie, I just don't find the bars as entertaining."

Although some UW-Stout students have experienced Europe, and possibly the Netherlands, fewer have explored Asia. Pooja Rajput is from Hyderabad, Pakistan. It is near the southeastern tip of Pakistan, just three hours from the border of India where the streets are a mixture of sand and pebbles that line arched doorways. This far-off land is mainly a mystery to those who live in Menomonie, Wisconsin.

Rajput is a soft-spoken engineering major, who sometimes misses her life in Pakistan. Universities in Pakistan have many differences compared to those in the U.S.

Rajput said, "They are different, but everything is different. I think our way of life in Pakistan make education different." Education

in Pakistan is also stricter than in the U.S.

"Pakistan has great education," said Rajput, "It is stricter and more competitive, but in a good way. I learn more. It is easy to be competitive when your grades are posted."

At UW-Stout, checking your grades for classes is just one click away, as students privately view them on D2L. In Pakistan, however, grades are physically posted for all to see. This may be a quality of education in Pakistan that can rattle nerves, but other things make up for it.

Rajput said, "The weather – I miss my weather. The snow here is alright, but I honestly don't know how you live with so little sunlight."

The Netherlands, Pakistan and the United States all offer various pros and cons to education and lifestyle. From the weather to exams, everything is a factor in university life.

As Vergeer said, "As long as you are having a blast and learning along the way, you can't go wrong. Life at all universities is awesome." Rajput has also enjoyed her time spent at different universities.

"I'm glad I have experienced both the U.S. and Pakistan," said Rajput, "Both have been great experiences."

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# New facility receives high marks

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Tim Hopkins  
News Reporter

The grand opening ceremony for the new Memorial Student Center was held Wednesday afternoon at the northwest entrance to the building. The ceremony marked the beginning of week long festivities celebrating the formal opening of the \$7.5 million Student Center.

The Director of the Student Center, Bob Johnson, is well aware of the close scrutiny the Student Center is receiving. Johnson reviews the history of the Student Center and says, "It's taken about six years and it's gone very well, from planning to design to construction." Johnson appreciates the value of constructive criticism, yet he hopes most people realize "The building won't be complete for six months to a year which is typical for most buildings."

The Assistant Director of the Student Center, Bill Siedlecki, gave a positive assessment of the new facility. "We're very pleased with it. The building works the way it was intended to." As he sees the Memorial Student Center, "We very definitely feel that not only physically but attitudinally it is the center of campus and can and should be used as such in terms of the student life here on campus." The transition from the old to the

new Student Center has been most difficult for those who felt comfortable in the old Student Center and as a result feel rather lost in the new Student Center. Returning students seem most disturbed by the lack of warmth in the atmosphere of the new building. Junior Mike Melynychuk said, "The Pawn isn't the Pawn anymore. It's just a box. Put real furniture in there." His reference to the need for real furniture was due to the elimination of the booths they used to have in the Pawn.

Senior Robert Kronser also lamented the building's paltry atmosphere. "It's too much like an airport terminal. You check in at this counter and check out at that counter and that's it." Kronser also wished that the dining spaces were more open. "It seems we're more crowded in here than we were before."

Siedlecki said they're aware of the need to decorate the Pawn and they're working with an interior design student to achieve that end. "He now is working on a design theme for that room to make it a warmer facility." Siedlecki recognizes that "Right now, it looks like a surgical operating room."

The reverberant quality of the Pawn area plus the fact that it's adjacent to the bowling alley creates tremendous acoustical problems as well. Currently, they're working with an ac-

coustical engineer to solve the problem. Siedlecki said, "We still have a reverberant building just simply because of the materials used in the facility and the design of the facility." Any resolution of the acoustical and design problems in the Pawn area is far off according to Siedlecki. "It's not going to happen next week."

Many students have commented that the new Student Center appears to have much more office space than the old Student Center. In response to this comment, Johnson said, "Most of the money was spent on spaces that serve the public. I think it appears there might be more because we've consolidated the office spaces so we have everyone together and hopefully we can provide better service to the students."

Senior Leslie Buys echoed these comments when she talked about how much more efficient they were at the student services desk. In the old student center there was only one person employed per shift at the information desk. Now there are as many as three workers per shift at the desk. Buys described the situation at the new Student Center as, "A lot more organized and a lot more compact."

SSA president, Joann Prange said, "We love our office space, but we wish we were more in the mainstream." Prange thought that students were having difficulty finding the office but was hopeful that

the SSA/UPB open house scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 10, would help publicize the office location.

Many students have commented about the disappointing variety of new foods being served at the Grandview Terrace. Foodservice Director of the new Student Center, Vern Rhodes, said it wouldn't be until homecoming that they would be able to offer a special new variety. "We plan on doing a lot with international foods, some Greek food and some Nigerian food and some Chinese food and whatever," Rhodes said.

Rhodes stressed the new efficiency of foodservice in the new Student Center. Rather than traditional one-line cafeteria service, the Terrace Cafe is designed in a "modified scramble" system. Diners choose menu items from six individual food stations — the Bakery, International Club, Terrace Grill, Main Course, Salad Bar and Grandview Deli."

Rhodes spoke glowingly about the improved service to individual customers. Hamburgers are now grilled individually for each customer instead of being prepared en masse and held in a warming table until served. French fries are prepared by the order and served hot which is the biggest difference most students mention according to Rhodes. Many students have reacted favorably to the wide selection available at the salad bar.

The biggest problem at the Grandview Terrace and the Pawn from the customer's perspective is the menu boards. Rhodes said, "They're very bad. I know our signage has to be changed in the whole building for all the foodservice, downstairs and up."

Looking ahead, Rhodes said, "We really plan on getting a lot more services down at the Pawn. Perhaps we can even have breakfast down there."

Rhodes said that no committee had been created to address the foodservice problems at the Student Center. He said that he thought such a committee was badly needed and would be very helpful.

In his analysis of the new building's advantages, Johnson said, "It gives us a lot of flexibility. We have a variety of requests for different sizes and types of spaces so we have a little more flexibility in providing space that the campus may need." The new center also has many energy-efficient features, such as entryways with canopies, the ventilation and air-conditioning systems, and air curtains at the doors.

Johnson likes to point out the potential of the Great Hall. "The Great Hall is pretty much state-of-the-art in terms of what we can do with sound and lighting. It will permit us to do many more and different functions than we've done in the past."

# Old facility receives new marks

Rose Meier  
Entertainment Editor

After one year and 12 days of remodeling, the Memorial Student Center opened to its students in late January. The building's Grand Opening took place over the week of April 16 and was full of events and activities; including BINGO, free ice-cream, caricature drawing, live music and food samples.

The welcome ceremony began at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18 in the backyard amphitheater with presentations from Phil Lyons, Interim Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Student Life services; Charles W. Sorenson, Chancellor; Neal Peterson, President of the Stout Student Association; Shirley Klebesadel, Director of the Physical Plant; and Darrin Witucki, Director of the Memorial Student Center.

"Nothing truly meaningful and worth pursuing is not without quite a bit of sacrifice," said Witucki during his speech.

Witucki gave thanks and acknowledged many of the people involved in the eight-year project to renovate the building. In his speech, he quoted retired student center director, Bill Siedlecki, who said, "Student centers should be constructed with Legos."

Witucki went on to say, "Bill is suggesting that Legos would make the ideal building material because they would allow for maximum flexibility. Well Bill, I'm sorry to report that Legos still haven't made the Division of State Facilities' list of approved building materials. But Bill does highlight a very important reality in student center design and operation. Flexibility is critical; the target is always moving. The needs of the campus community can vary wildly on a single day, and the needs and interest of current students change from year to year. How do we begin to design for future students? You need to do your homework. In the preparation for this project there were numerous visits to other schools, focus groups,

online surveys, paper surveys, project planning committees, pre-planning committees, open forums and historical research into the campus' previous student center projects. The data was analyzed, synthesized and theorized. The project-planning committee was then given a challenge: create a Vision Statement and keep it to 75 words. They had to answer the question, 'What was really important here?' And then our design architects from Frisbie & Mackey Mitchell came aboard to challenge our assumptions, validate our vision and help us focus on achieving our goals. While we couldn't use Legos, we realized our vision statement and we feel confident that the design concepts of this renovation will serve us well for years to come."

The ceremony ended with a ribbon-cutting, followed by a reception indoors. The afternoon was a time for the campus community to enjoy all that the MSC has to offer.



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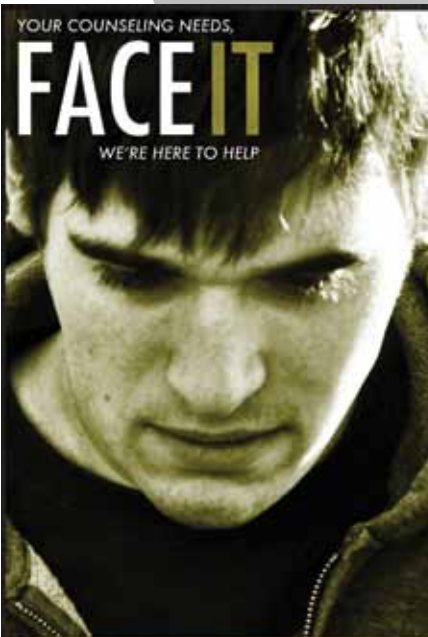


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# SMOKING MAY BECOME EVEN MORE EXPENSIVE FOR STUDENTS AND FACULTY

Jessica Christiansen  
Staff Writer

In April 2009, students from the Stout Student Association sponsored a referendum asking students if they wanted to ban smoking on campus. "Over two-thirds of students voted to ban smoking on campus, which was the largest turnout ever in a student governmental election on campus," said Director of University Communications Doug Wahl. Shortly after the smoking ban on campus was approved, a ban of all tobacco products on campus was approved as well. On Sept. 1, 2010 University of Wisconsin-Stout became completely tobacco-free; this action was a result of students in the Stout Student Association taking concern for the campus' environment and people's health. However, even though the campus has a tobacco-free policy, some have been caught violating the policy and causing distress for the people who are in compliance with the policy. Since there aren't any consequences for violating the policy, some people continue to disobey it. Recently, UW-Stout has been alleged to have started issuing fines to students and faculty who violate the tobacco policy.

On the morning of Friday, March 18, UW-Stout held a teleconference with two campus

attorneys for the UW system legal staff. "The intent of it was to find out what authority we had under University of Wisconsin system Administrative Code Chapters 17 and 18 to use an internal campus process to increase compliance with our tobacco-free campus initiative," said Wahl. The staff in attendance at the meeting were: Director of University Communications, Doug Wahl; interim Vice Chancellor for Administrator of Student Life Services, Phil Lyons; Dean of Students, Joan Thomas; Director of Health and Safety, James Uhler; and Police Chief, Lisa Walter.

According to the attorneys, UW-Stout doesn't have the ability to use Chapters 17 and 18 to impose a fine on the order of a parking ticket or something of the same nature, but do have the authority to impose a fine on an action that would be a civil forfeiture; however, this would have to go through the Dunn County Circuit Court. "The problem with it is that even though we have the authority to set a fine at a fair amount, it has to go to court; when that happens, there are all sorts of fees and surcharges that will be added that we don't have any control over. It will probably push the fine to a range of \$260, which is a lot of money for violating a tobacco-free campus policy,"

said Wahl. "It's something the chancellor isn't comfortable with and leaders of Stout Student Association aren't comfortable with."

In attempt to avoid an uncontrolled major fine, the school has decided to start a pilot program in the fall with tobacco-free campus monitors. "We aren't saying people cannot smoke, they just can't smoke on campus," said Wahl. The monitors will be wearing attire to represent themselves as monitors and will approach anyone who is seen violating the tobacco-free campus policy. The people will be addressed that the campus is tobacco-free and will be asked to dispose of their tobacco product or to leave campus while they continue using it. "There's a lot of evidence that shows a significant amount of students who leave campus as smokers, do not come here as regular smokers; they start smoking in college," said Wahl. If the monitors aren't enough to get the people on the campus to comply, then UW-Stout may have to look into fines again in the future. "The monitors are like our interim process to see if it helps people comply," said Wahl. If we do have to resort to fines in the future, there are other things we could do before issuing one, such as issuing a warning, but it seems that the majority does comply with our current policy."



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# The story of Acoustic Cafe

Jessica Vaysberg  
News Editor

It's a windy, gloomy day outside, and the streets in Menomonie are deserted. However, locally owned Acoustic Café is packed with students, professors, families, workers from other businesses on their lunch break and even a musical trio—one playing the banjo—while the other two sing along. The café employees are delivering hot hoagies and warm cups of soup to customers at every table.

This is not an unusual occurrence at Acoustic Café.

Ever since the café opened almost 20 years ago, it is always filled with happy, hungry customers; some there to grab a quick bite of lunch, some there to catch up on homework and sip on a warm beverage and some there to listen to local groups perform their music.

Greg Heymans opened Acoustic Café in October of 1993. Helping him were his cousin and his cousin's spouse. The current owners, Nathan and Lisa Wilder, began working at the café in 2002.

"At that point, he [Nathan] was still an art student at Stout and I had just moved to town for a change of scenery," said Lisa Wilder. "I

started at Acoustic as everyone does, at the bottom of the totem pole. Seeing as I wasn't in school, I quickly became the slicer, then the baker, and after two years, the manager. I was the first manager who actually wanted to do it for more than a year; I fell in love with the café and the family I had here."

"After managing for about two years, Nathan graduated, we got married and then we moved to Austin, Texas. It was only eight months later that the owner offered to sell it to us. How could we refuse?"

There are four Acoustic Café locations: the one in Menomonie, one in Eau Claire, Wis., one in Winona, Minn. and one in Northfield, Minn. The Eau Claire and Winona stores are still owned by their original owners, while the Northfield location is still owned by Greg Heymans.

"One of the reasons I think we stay so busy is our location," said Wilder. "Being on the corner of Broadway and Main is a huge asset to us as most of our business comes from students and faculty at Stout and from employees of local businesses. It also helps that we make a point of keeping our prices low. We are not trying to become millionaires here, we just

Notice the warm atmosphere.



Jessica Vaysberg/Stoutonia

love the café and want to see it stay in Menomonie forever."

The food at Acoustic is mainly purchased from Sysco, a national food distributor, but the Wilders strive to buy locally as much as possible. The honey in the bread comes from a bee farmer in Eau Claire, Wis., while the coffee is roasted in small batches in an antique roaster in Elmwood, Wis.

"By trying to get things locally," said Wilder, "I believe we are supporting our own communities rather than a huge corporation. It's important to Nathan and I to try to support the amazing things this area has to offer rather than some faceless entity."

Along with food products from local sellers, Acoustic Café offers musical performances by area musicians.

"We do have a history of having great musicians play here," said Wilder. "Just before I moved to town was the last time Mason Jennings was small enough to perform at a small café. He used to come all the time and that last time, tickets were actually sold for \$7 each; and the place was packed. I admit I was disappointed when I found out I had missed it by a few months. We have also

had Charlie Parr, Kris Koza, Adam Svec and many others you can now hear on the Current."

"As far as the future of the café, I hope we are here forever," said Wilder. "I hope to one day do for one of our employees what Greg did for us; to pass on the café to someone who loves it just as it is and will want to continue the tradition. That's a long way in the future, but it's definitely our plan."

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# Times of Time: Control Is On Humanity

Rick Mitz

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It's not the right time to be sitting here writing this column. In fact, it's not the right time for you to be sitting there reading this column. It's not the right time to do anything. It's the right time to do everything.

It's the right time to lobby with legislators, to overthrow the system, to work within the system, to work without the system. To stop the war, to start the peace, to clean up the cities, purify the air, crusade for Christ, destroy the establishment, establish a counter-culture and a counter-counter-culture. Picket big business. End racism. Struggle for freedom. Battle pollution. Tear down the walls. And enlist in any of the endless lists of sundry fights, struggles, battles, causes and crusades brought about by increased social pressure applied to the social consciences of our relevant existences.

There's a right time and a right place for everything... or says that age-old adolescent rhyme we've been nurtured on. All over the country, the hands on the clock point to the same time – the right time – to do something.

To speak out, to start worrying. To become active in activism, to become involved in involvement, to become.

Time is running out and we are chasing after it. Time is the question and time is the answer. No longer is it as simple and as uncomplicated as that innocent nursery rhyme definition of time we thought we knew so very well. The clock on the wall has a clean little face, And it ticks all day long in its neat little case, It sings as it works, for its hands, as you see, Are as tidy and neat as nice hands ought to be.

Things have changed. Even the watches that adorn our student wrists that hold our clenched fists, somehow show us and the rest of the world what we are so adamantly for and against; the Spiro Agnew watch, the diamond watch, the Mickey Mouse watch. Neck watches, underwater watches, time-pieces run by electricity, battery and/or wind-up.

And, like clock-work, we punch in and punch out, keeping our eyes on our calendar girls and our calendar boys; seeing that, with every pendulum swing, that we are, indeed, getting closer to getting further away.

Periodicals like Time and The Times tell

us about the times; "Planes Get Free Reins in Cambodia," "Welfare Funds Cut to Indiana and Nebraska..." We are told: It's time to make decisions. We are told: It's time to get an education. We are told: It's time to be mature. To get good jobs.

It's time to keep our country free, we are told.

And we are told, by our parents, by our peers, by our periodicals; the decisions have been removed from our hearts and magically, medically transplanted into our guilt-ridden heads.

And yet, still we rhetorically ask, "When is it the right time to – y'know – start caring about people? There's nothing to laugh at. It's time to do something about how the world is."

It's the right time to laugh. We must laugh while we still can, to keep our sanity.

No longer are these the issues of immediate importance. The urgency is what has become so urgent, and somehow, somewhere between the nursery rhymes and the classroom clocks, we have learned to relate to issues, but not people. Certainly not to ourselves.

So we run, running after the hour hand as the minute hand chases us.

Time is running out – and we're being run by the clock, rather than the clock being run by us. We are being told everything – when to sleep, when to get up, when to love, when to hate, and all this talk about honesty and kindness – that can only be achieved when we can overcome the clocks, when we can overcome time as our enemy and ruler.

Where is the medium between the innocence of youthful rhymes and the sophistication of truthful times? There are black and white problems – the black and white of peoples' faces, the black and white of our air, the black and white of this newspaper print. But there's also a whole world of gray that desperately needs some color between those youthful rhymes and truthful times.

It's the right time to stop thinking about what it's the right time for and start doing something.

And the hands on the clock, as they strike the hour, point to us all. It helps us to keep up with the time as it flies. And it tells us the hour to sleep and rise. It's a friend that we need, as it hangs on the wall. Ticking lessons of truth and good will to all.

## My NEF Experience

Swaraj Pandey

*Contributing Writer*

The construction department at the University of Wisconsin-Stout paired with the NAWLA Education Foundation (NEF) to offer a course that is a great fit for students in a broad range of majors. By enrolling in this course, students qualify for an intern opportunity with NAWLA members. In fact, to qualify for the internship, a student must complete this three-credit intensive course focused on the lumber, building material and supply chain.

The course consisted of lectures, field trips and case studies. The first day of the course started with a brief introduction related to the course requirements and schedules. We learned about forest ecology, ecosystem services, forests succession and forest regeneration under natural and managed scenarios. Additional lectures were given on forest management and harvesting, including forest certification. Later in the afternoon, we went for a field trip to the school forest in Bjornson Education-Recreation Center. The center had 443 acres of land, and we were accompanied by a local forester who has extensive knowledge on forestry. We observed the principles of forest ecology, forest management and harvesting. The property was a mix of northern hardwoods (maple, oak, ash, basswood, yellow and white birch) and coniferous plantations (red and white pine, spruce) with stands of poplar. Their forest management plan included selecting hardwood cuts, thinning pine plantation strands, cutting aspen, regenerating oak and improving timber stand projects.

On the second day, we went for a two-hour virtual field trip to the Andersen Windows

in Bayport, Minn. We were able to look at step-by-step processes where several home projects were in progress by top builders. Andersen Windows uses 98 percent of their raw materials and develops long-lasting products that have a minimal adverse effect on the environment. Over 70 percent of their wood is sourced from forests certified by the Forest Stewardship Council and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative.

The third day included a tour of Weekes Forest Products, a major stocking wholesaler. We toured their re-load center and learned about a wide variety of lumber, panels, engineered wood, industrial products and related/specialty building products. Our next destination was the Viking Forest Products located in Eden Prairie, Minn., distributors of OSB, plywood and softwood lumber products. Viking business model stresses a reliable supply of the right product, at a fair price. They also gave us some hands on work experience with the customer, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Our next stop was at Silverwood Park Visitor's Center located in St. Anthony, Minn. The main purpose of the building is to showcase and promote sustainability while reducing day-to-day operating costs; the building is a 2009 Woodworks Design Award winner for their innovative structural use of wood. Next we went to Bethel University in Arden Hills, Minn., and explored the George Brushaber Commons building which has a 6,500 square foot green roof that incorporates a water retention system. We learned about their use of glulam beams, purlins and wood decks that gives the place a warm appeal and timeless aesthetic. We also learned about the challenges faced in constructing this space, necessitating

the design of two-way cantilevered roof framing that extended outside of the building envelope. This building is also a 2009 Woodworks Design Award winner for innovative structural use of wood.

During last two days of the course, most of our time was spent in the classroom learning about the various aspects of the lumber business. The basics of logistics and supply chain management were taught in terms of wood and building materials. We had discussions based on the current issues that are prevalent in the corporate world and the importance of having industry associations. Construction systems and wood use in non-residential construction area was our focus in a class comprising mostly of construction and engineering majors. We learned about evolving markets for wood-derived energy and bio-chemicals. A discussion with various members of the career panel was held at the end of the course; these professionals shared their life stories and their paths towards the lumber industry. It was inspiring because each of us could relate to what they said. At the end, we had the chance to ask each panelist questions.

Overall, this course has provided students with a perfect platform that inspires us to get involved in the lumber industry. I have very positive impressions of the course and the industry. My major is Business Administration with an emphasis on Supply Chain Management/Quality Management, and I have always been curious to learn more about logistics of lumber: from logging, to readiness for use in construction, to wood pulp for paper production. Recent graduates are not familiar with the lumber business or the opportunities in it, but this industry offers a wide range of professional opportunities in both private and public sectors. It is a multi-billion dollar industry that is both high-tech and environmentally conscious.

The wide focus of the professional training – with its emphasis on organization and management – offers extensive job opportunities inside the lumber industry. There are many possibilities for further professional development as graduates can progress to higher management positions within a few years of experience. Students, like me, have the opportunity to work at a variety of companies, contributing in areas such as accounting and finance, marketing and sales, management, engineering and logistic operations. This five-day course has given me an opportunity to work with NAWLA as their marketing intern, which is a big achievement. Coming from a business background with little knowledge about the lumber industry, I now have the chance to learn more about this industry from those who know best.

As far as recruiting students to this industry is concerned, companies are responsible for promoting the lumber industry and provide career awareness for the students who are graduating or have graduated. In this sector, surveys continually show that there are more jobs available than there are graduates to fill them in this sector. Companies have to seek top, qualified students who will be motivated and excited to contribute to businesses within the industry. Brand positioning is one of the strategies that the companies focus on, which involves selling the company's values to prospective job seekers. Companies hold seminars and educational conferences so that they can have better communication and feedback with the students. Career fairs are one of the most important events in college and companies attend these fairs to interact with the students. By providing career awareness and opportunities related to the forest product industry, programs like the NEF are blessing in disguise for the lumber industry.



# To comply or not to comply?

**Jerad Maplethorpe**  
Interim Editor-in-Chief  
Opinions Editor

Chancellor Sorensen and I have at least one thing in common: we've both seen an increase in the number of students smoking on campus. The problem, though, is that the University of Wisconsin-Stout has a campus-wide ban on smoking.

What is the punishment for not complying with this ban? Well, the punishment is supposed to be "social disapproval." To illustrate what I mean, imagine that a student started walking around campus wearing their backpack on their chest instead of their back. They would probably get a bunch of weird looks, right? It's supposed to be kinda like that— but it's not working.

On April 10, 2012, Chancellor Sorensen reaffirmed his support of the campus-wide smoking ban.

"Most of our students, faculty and staff are complying with this policy," said Sorensen, "but those who choose to violate it are making life difficult for everyone else. Therefore, I would like to restate my strong support for the policy and the need for compliance."

There are a few things wrong with this statement. First of all, "most of [the] students, faculty and staff" probably don't smoke, so it's inherently easy for them to comply with the policy. As for the evildoers who "choose to violate [the policy]," they are making life difficult

for everyone else! Except, no one seems to be saying anything about it— at least to the extent that would make the ban regulatable.

This leaves UW-Stout with two options: either remove the campus-wide smoking ban entirely or punish those who don't abide by this ban. In his public statement to the campus, Chancellor Sorensen noted that he prefers voluntary compliance, but added that UW-Stout is "now considering further measures to ensure that this campus is tobacco-free, including instituting fines or other sanctions for violators."

Personally, I feel that this issue doesn't affect the majority of students, but rather polarizes smokers against those that are avidly against it. I understand that second-hand smoke is an annoyance and a health issue; I also understand that this campus would like to build and maintain a health-conscious reputation. However, adding another layer of regulation would cost money, and that simply isn't something that the UW System has a lot of right now.

In my opinion, smokers should have "designated" smoking areas on campus. This way, UW-Stout can eliminate the need to pay officers to enforce the ban and students that want to avoid breathing in second-hand smoke would know which areas to stay away from.

Of course, if UW-Stout really wants to eliminate this problem once in for all, maybe it's time to confront Big Tobacco? Until then, let's keep this issue in perspective. Certainly, there are bigger social problems to address.

## Stout Comments on Smoking

"I'm very glad when I can walk to and from classes outside and not breathe in second-hand smoke. No smoking on campus is a good thing..." — Kerri Abel

"Some people get it. And some sit right in front of the commons' doors and smoke with their friends." — Adamme Kearney

"Let it happen outside and away from the buildings. I find it terrible that they enacted a rule that removed rights from someone who chooses to smoke. I don't smoke personally, but I wouldn't want any of my rights removed."  
— Cooper Whitescarver

"I am a smoker and I understand that you don't want to breathe in the second-hand smoke, but I don't understand why if I can't smoke inside (which I am fine with), you automatically dictate what I can do outside of the building. I also firmly believe that outside the building means 25 feet away from said building. That should give you enough space to maintain your lifestyle while I kill myself slowly with my lifestyle choice." — Steve Pipkorn

"I think a fine should be enforced to keep the smoking off-campus. My lifestyle choice is to not have to breathe any of it in." — Jeanne Marie

"I've heard that someone will be enforcing it with a \$250 fine.... I would like to know who will be the enforcement. Also, I hope this is not just aimed at students; I've seen more full-time campus employees still smoking on campus in areas where they know they shouldn't be compared to students." — Kyle Irvin

"I would like to see more action taken to press the issue. Smokers are not being treated as second-rate citizens; their behavior is being treated like it is: dangerous to those around them." — Peter VanDusartz

"I personally was never bothered by smoking; I am not a smoker myself, but I think that smoking outside gives a person the space needed to avoid said smoker if they are really that offended by possibly inhaling smoke for half a second while they walk by. This being said, I also think that if the ban starts being enforced that there should be designated smoking areas around campus that have benches and ashtrays; this would provide the smokers a place to smoke on campus that is out of the way of other students that do not want to inhale the second-hand smoke. The Stoutonia could then write an article pointing out where these areas are. I think this is the most fair to both sides." — Josh White

"I am not bothered by people smoking outside because they are not directly infringing on my "breathability"; I think smoking inside bars/restaurants infringed on non-smokers' rights to clean air and the necessary laws were established... however, I think designated smoking areas outside will respect the non-smokers' rights to clean air while cutting down on problem situations with non-smokers and consolidating the areas of cigarette butt pollution!" — Derek Foiles

"My thoughts on the smoking issue: For one thing, I wasn't able to vote for this referendum. They didn't allow students to vote from overseas! Another thing, since this smoking ban, they haven't put ashtray bins off of campus where students do congregate to smoke. This increases the trash even if students comply with the ordinance." — Lauryn Anna



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In honor of these new pizza joints, the Stoutonia has decided to conduct a contest for students to decide which business has the best tasting 'za in town! Better yet, those who cast a vote will have a chance to win a free pizza from whichever business wins.



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## EXPOSED

Austin Horness  
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Exposed Photo Club will be hosting an exhibit during family weekend on Saturday, April 21 in the Terrace overlook and Sunday, April 22 in the MSC Ballroom C from 1-5 p.m.

The Exposed Photo Club would like to invite you to see some of the best artwork framed by the group of talented student photographers, including Andrew Schneider, Toni Hall, Mohammed AlOmran, Joel Erickson, Matt Culbertson, Ryan Huettl, Tia Conwell, Lindy Lewan, Trevor Soltzak and Nate Eul.

There are approximately 50 pieces of art with a wide and diverse range of styles. You can expect to see abstract, nature and macro photography. Prints will be available for purchase at \$15 for a large print and \$10 for a small print.

"The club is about having fun and connecting with other photographers, and is a good place to learn about cameras," said Eul.

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## Storylords | Thorzuul's lair spotted in Menomonie

Jeff Gebert  
Staff Writer

A widely unknown fact about Menomonie is that it was the filming location for a children's television program.

"Storylords" was a 15-minute live-action educational show directed by the University of Wisconsin-Stout's own Ed Jakober. Jakober works at UW-Stout as a videographer and media specialist.

Filmed in 1984, the show took place in Wisconsin and was about a boy named Norbert who became the apprentice of an old Storylord from the land of Mojute named Lexor. Armed with the reading skills he learned from his teacher Mrs. Framish, Norbert must follow the ways of the Storylord in order to defeat the evil Thorzuul, who wishes to turn everyone who can't read into statues. Norbert would help others by getting on the Bikeatron, pedaling as fast as he could, and chanting the words: "Thunder and lightning, trumpets and drums, readers rejoice, a Storylord comes." He would then be teleported to Mojute to help a reader in need.

"Storylords" got its start when Ed Jakober got together with the Wisconsin Educational Communications Board who had an educational programming division at UW-Stout. After hiring a writer and doing extensive research on teaching reading methods, they were ready to film a show. The primary goal of the series was to teach reading strategies to children. Some of the show's titles include "Integrating Comprehension Strategies," "Identifying Main Idea and Details" and "Story Mapping."

One of the interesting aspects of the series is that all twelve episodes were filmed at once and then, after all the filming was done, the crew went back and edited the episodes, as opposed to filming one episode, editing it, filming another episode, editing it, and so forth. Some UW-Stout students at the time helped out with the process.

Many popular Menomonie landmarks are in the show because Jakober filmed around town. A house on Main Street was used for Norbert's house, and the Louis Smith Tainter House was used as the outside of Thorzuul's lair. The show was also filmed at Acoustic Café, which was a clothing store at the time.

Unfortunately, funding dried up and the Wisconsin Educational Communications Board moved to Madison, while Jakober and his colleagues decided to stay in Menomonie. It has been 28 years since the show was filmed; and the cast went their separate ways. Norbert is now an actor in Chicago, and Milkbreath

(Thorzuul's dastardly chauffeur) is a Psychology professor at Minneapolis Community and Technical College. Thorzuul (played by Larry Laird) still lives in Menomonie. Back in the 80s, Laird would book tours to visit schools as Thorzuul and talk to students in order to promote reading.

Since "Storylords," Jakober has been involved in a number of different projects, including "Get Real," "Out and About" and "Mathways."

"[I've worked on] a lot of instructional kids programming," said Jakober.

"Storylords" still airs on PBS from time to time and has been shown to children in school since the 80s. All twelve of the 15-minute episodes can be seen on WIECB's Youtube channel at [www.youtube.com/user/WIECB](http://www.youtube.com/user/WIECB).

And remember kids: Thunder and lightning, trumpets and drums, readers rejoice, a Storylord comes!

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Some behind the scene shots of Storylords.



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# THE LOUIS SMITH TAINTER HOUSE

Andrew Schneider  
Staff Writer

You've probably walked or driven past the Louis Smith Tainter House numerous times. It is obvious that the building is old, but how old? Who built it? And what was it used for?

Frank Kennett, a former University of Wisconsin-Stout professor and local historian, has much to say about the history of this iconic campus landmark.

"In 1889-1890 it was constructed, by the same architect who built the Mabel Tainter Theater," said Kennett. "The house itself was a gift from Captain Andrew Tainter to his son Louis and his wife, Effie. It cost \$75,000 to build."

Wayne Schneider works at the Louis Smith Tainter House.

"While the Mabel Tainter was to be built, Louis and Effie's engagement was announced," said Schneider.

Schneider thought that while the architect, wood workers and stone carvers were here to build the

Mabel Tainter, they might as well build a house as an engagement present, too.

Kennett spoke about the history after the finished construction in 1890.

"Louis and Effie moved out west in 1902," said Kennett. "After that, it was owned by the Wilson Family."

The house stayed with the Wilson family until 1940.

"In 1940, one of the Wilsons owed \$100 in backed taxes and the house was seized by the county," said Kennett. "In 1945, the Stout Institute bought the house for \$9,000 dollars. After that, Stout renovated it a bit to become a ladies' dorm for a time."

Jennifer Rudiger works at the Louis Smith Tainter House and has heard many interesting stories from women who once lived there when it was a ladies dormitory. The girls had a curfew of 10 p.m., and the housemother enforced it.

"The housemother lived in what is now the dining room; she would be at the door as the clock tower struck 10," said Rudiger.

Schneider said that about 35 women lived there. "If the women were late [to curfew], they could climb in a window if they were athletic, or fall asleep on the stairs," said Schneider.

According to Kennett, in 1967 the offices for the vocational rehabilitation program were put there. In 1984, the Alumni Association and Stout University Foundation moved in and have been there since.

Today much of the interior of the Louis Smith Tainter House has been restored. Rudiger explained that many of the dollars put forward towards renovations have been donated, along

with the furnishings.

"The dining room is probably restored to the most original state," said Rudiger.

The Louis Smith Tainter House is as beautiful on the inside as it is on the outside; it is a reminder of the wealth of the prosperous lumber barrens who made Menomonie and UW-Stout what they are today. If you ever have the opportunity to look inside, you will be impressed with the attention to detail given in the restoration of the building. The images of the inside from the late 1800s are hauntingly similar. It is easy to imagine Louis and Effie entertaining guests in the living room or sitting down for supper in the dining room today.

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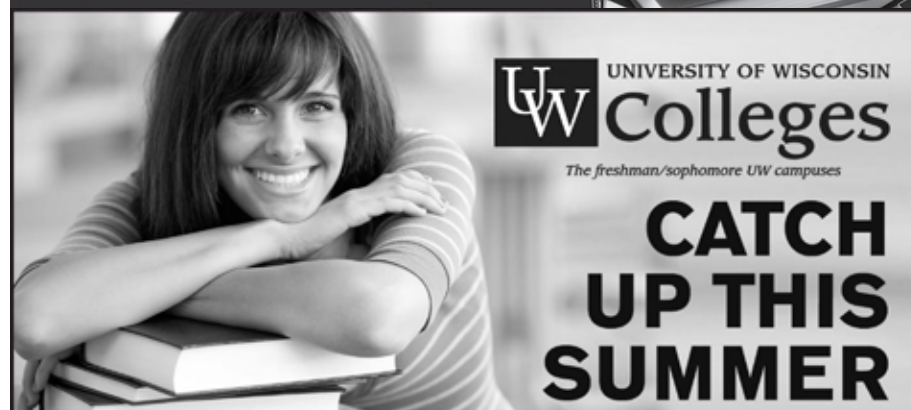
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# Stout's GOT Talent

Rose Meier

Entertainment Editor

The first annual Stout's Got Talent event, sponsored by the Involvement Center, happened on April 16 at 7 p.m. in the Terrace of the Memorial Student Center.

Dancers, musicians and a comedian worked to impress an audience of about 110 people. The top three winners won prizes that included a camera, a Kindle touch and a television; winners were chosen through text-voting.

The first place winner was Samuel Foster, a sophomore in the Applied Social Science program.

"I played an original song on acoustic guitar called 'Fly' about my roommate who deployed to Afghanistan about a month ago," said Foster.

A group of break-dancers, Tai Ly, Phillip Nguyen and Kong Xiong, took the stage by storm to show off their moves. Together the group has about 18 years of break-dancing experience.

"We had a great time," said Ly. "It was a good experience."

"It was tiring but a lot of fun," said Xiong.

**1st** Samuel Foster  
(singer and guitarist)



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**2nd** Jennifer Garcia  
(singer)

**3rd** Adamme Kearney  
(performed the Evolution of Dance)

Other contestants were:

Phillip Nguyen, Kong Xiong, Tai Ly (break-dancers/ free style)

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Phillip Nguyen, Kong Xiong, Tai Ly preformed their own breakdance/ free style routine.

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# Celebrities at Stout

Rose Meier  
Entertainment Editor

What do Billy Joel and Daniel Tosh have in common? They are a part of the history at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

"I remember looking at an old Stoutonia that clearly had Billy Joel on piano," said Witucki.

Sure enough, Billy Joel performed in the fieldhouse at UW-Stout in 1974 to a crowd of roughly 700 students.

Bill Siedlecki, former director of the Memorial Student Center and a 37-year UW-



Billy Joel performing at the Fieldhouse in 1974

Stout employee was part of the planning crew at the time that brought Joel to campus.

"We booked him (Joel) real cheaply," said Siedlecki. "That was our big deal, to get artists before they would splash nationally."

"[UW-Stout] averages 115 performers each year," said Darrin Witucki, the director of the Memorial Student Center. "I think the history [of entertainment] speaks for itself. There have been some amazing acts here over the years. For the students who show up on a regular basis, I feel they are truly being exposed to some great artistry."

With an artist's growth in popularity comes a growth in the price to contract a performer.

"Daniel Tosh performed at Stout for around two-thousand dollars in the year 2002," said Witucki.

Today, Daniel Tosh will cost a venue approximately \$200,000 dollars, so if you missed your shot at seeing Tosh in 2002, it's unlikely you will see him back at UW-Stout—at least for that price tag.

"You never know who you see and if they make it big," said Witucki. "See an artist and see what they have to offer, whether or not they will make it onto MTV or popular culture."

You can find more about UW-Stout's performance history by visiting the friendly staff in the library archives on the third floor.

Visit the online version of this story to find out which other big acts—some of those having one hit wonder singles—that have made it to UW-Stout.

# Who's the next big act on campus?

Austin Horness  
Staff Writer

Every year the University of Wisconsin-Stout has a great line up of entertainment for students to enjoy and many of us don't think twice about how it got there. However, performers at UW-Stout don't appear here by accident; many of the performances that happen at UW-Stout are booked by the 10 board members in Blue Devil Productions (BDP), a campus organization.

The 10 students of BDP and their advisor, Emily Ascher, attended the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) conference in St. Paul, Minn. over the weekend of March 29-April 1 with the intent to book bands and comedians. The members of BDP sorted through approximately 50 acts and picked out the ones that fit well with UW-Stout's culture.

BDP's goal is to book the best talent while staying under budget. The members network with surrounding universities to

set up mini tours, which lower the cost to contract the performer.

"It is completely different to watch a performer in front of you on stage than it is to watch them online," said BDP Executive Producer Nate Daniels. "You are able to see how the crowd reacts to them."

Comedians that BDP booked at NACA include Rob Gleeson, Michael Malone, Jessi Campell and Seaton Smith.

Attending NACA also allows BDP to share how they run and market events as well as learn from what other school programming boards are doing.

"I'm always impressed by the number of quality shows that Blue Devil Productions provides and I'm proud to talk about our board with other schools," said Daniels.

While at the NACA conference, BDP submitted various work and projects into multiple design competitions; they took first place in website design and multiple poster categories. Congratulations to Blue Devil Productions!

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# UW-STOUT CLUB VOLLEYBALL TEAM TAKES 5TH AT NATIONALS

**Kou Yang**  
Staff writer

After taking second place at the 2011 National Collegiate Club Volleyball Championship hosted by the National Collegiate Volleyball Federation (NCVF), the University of Wisconsin-Stout men's club team was back at it for the 2012 National Championships. This year, the team drove eight hours to Kansas City, Mo. for the three-day event spanning April 5-7.

Being a club team, however, the trip would not have been possible without fundraising.

"It was very important because we had to pay for our own hotels; our goal was to raise \$1,500 and we raised a little over \$1,300," said club president Ryan Foster.

The first day of competition consisted of pool play in best-of-three-game matches. UW-Stout was in a pool with three other schools, including top-ranked Air Force Academy. UW-Stout placed second in their pool with a match record of 2-1, winning four out of six games. UW-Stout swept through their two wins, but lost in straight

sets against Air Force.

Because they finished second in pool play, UW-Stout had to begin the second day, climbing the ladder starting with the Challenge Round. UW-Stout faced Michigan Technological University and started out with a loss in the first game, but came back and won the match: 23-25, 25-17, 15-12.

After winning their challenge round match, UW-Stout entered the championship pool with two other schools to play for the opportunity to be seeded in the gold bracket of the championship bracket. Though they won both matches to finish 2-0 and won their championship pool, UW-Stout was down early, losing the first game in both matches.

"We had a great group of guys; we played all throughout the spring and we got to know each other very well," said Foster. Upon winning their championship pool, UW-Stout was placed into Saturday's Division II championship gold bracket.

In the first round of the championship gold bracket, UW-Stout edged out Bucknell University in three sets: 22-25, 25-7, 15-9. In the quar-

terfinals, UW-Stout was matched up against none other than the Air Force Academy again. Air Force came out on top in two close games, winning the match: 25-23, 25-18.

"We were definitely the underdog there, but it was a high-intense game," said Foster. "They are a good team; they were probably the best team and best matches I've played in my college career."

"Our bench was very supportive, yelling and loudly chanting, 'Welcome to our block party,' every time we blocked a shot," said Foster.

"At this level, you have to play the best people to be competitive," Foster said. "We have one of the most competitive conferences in the nation." UW-Stout is in the same conference with Lakeland College, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and Marquette University—teams that have been national champions seven of the past 10 years.

After their loss to Air Force, UW-Stout finished in fifth place.

"It's not only about playing volleyball, it's about making lifetime friends," said Foster.



Volleyball team gathers for photo.

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# PLAYER PROFILE: WELCOMING CODY PITZ TO THE MEN'S GOLF TEAM

Morgan Pfaller  
Sports editor

Cody Pitz, a sophomore from Mantiowoc, Wis. recently made the University of Wisconsin-Stout men's golf team. While attending UW-Stout in the Golf Enterprise Management program, Pitz decided to try out for the team as the spring season began and was elated to find out he had made the cut. With a team state title from high school and over 12 years of playing the game, Pitz is ready to play with some of the best golfers at UW-Stout and hopes to learn a lot in the upcoming months.

Pitz started golfing when he was eight years old. His grandma was the only member of his family who played golf, so she quickly taught him the basics of the sport until he took lessons at the age of 10. In high school, he was a member of the golf team all four years and worked at Autumn Ridge Golf Course in Valders, Wis., where he got his first taste of the golf management business.

"After getting at taste in the golf indus-

try, I decided this was the business I wanted to be in. That's why I chose the Golf Enterprise Management major at UW-Stout, because it is all about working with a game that I love, and I was always told I should work doing what I love. I can honestly say that this is what I love to do," said Pitz.

Pitz shows much enthusiasm about his future career, whether it's waking up with the sun to prep the golf course or offering advice to customers on how to perfect their game. "There aren't many places that you can work and relate to every single customer and their issues," said Pitz. "The hours you work always fly by because you are constantly talking about a game you love and it never feels like you are at work."

"It felt amazing to make the team," said Pitz. "It was one of the best feelings in the world when the coach told me I had made it. I know playing competitive golf helps my perfect my skills and understanding of the game. I consider myself a decent player and hope that playing on a college golf team will show myself that I can compete at this level

and contribute to the success of the UW-Stout golf team."

"My greatest strength is my ability to stay calm under pressure," said Pitz. "At 5'7" I am not the tallest, so I tend to lose some distance based on my height, but I know if I have a bad shot that my short game will save me in the end."

While overcoming his weaknesses and perfecting his strongest qualities, Pitz has a great support system to rely on. "I get my inspiration from my friends and family, as well as my girlfriend. I love to give them positive news about my golf game."

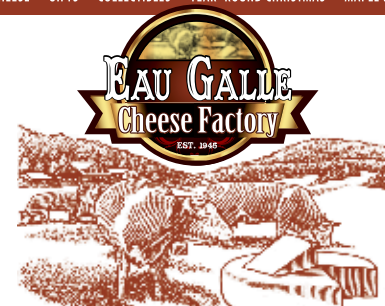
The spring season is just beginning and the team is ready to welcome Cody Pitz as a Blue Devil; it will be great to watch him and the other players come together as a team as they make big achievements out on the course. UW-Stout welcomes you to the team Cody - good luck and make a big impression.

Catch Pitz and the golf team at the Gustavus Adolphus Invitational on April 22 and 23.



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# UW-STOUT BEGINS ITS OUTDOOR SEASON WITH A DUEL AGAINST UW-RIVER FALLS

Kelsey Penrod  
Staff writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout track and field team competed in their first outdoor competition on April 5. The meet was a duel against the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Both the men's and women's teams competed in the Thursday meet. This competition helped kick off the outdoor season for the track team. UW-Stout proved themselves to be worthy contenders for this season since many team members achieved high marks, which put UW-Stout track and field on the map.

Men's track and field for UW-Stout placed first in three out of four throwing events. Michael Lihman, a sophomore from Rice Lake, Wis., won the hammer throw, scoring a second-best in school history which set a personal best with a mark of 187-4. Kody Zahrte, a senior from Black River Falls, Wis., received first in the shot put with a mark of 149-0. Travis Hilden, a sophomore from Baldwin, Wis., took the javelin with 147-11. Along with the throwing events, the men's running events brought UW-Stout out on top. Finishing first and second in the 3000-meter steeplechase

was Paul VanGrinsven, 9:40.10, and Jacob Olsen, 9:57.00. First in the 110-hurdles was Brandon Zarnoth, 15.38, first and second in pole vault were Daniel Drewiek, 15-10.50, and John Negus, 15-4.50, and first and second in the long jump were Cody Haupt, 19-8.25, and Nick Lubinski, 19-7.50.

"This meet was a nice solid start to the season," said men's and women's head coach Laura Knudsen, "We definitely had some good performances." Along with the success of UW-Stout's men's team, the women's team was just as competitive. Winning a pair of events was Michelle Theisen, a junior from Marshfield, Wis., taking discus, 11-9 and hammer throw, 133-9. Others who received top positions included: Anne Guthrie, a senior from La Crescent, Minn., who won long jump, 16-2.60; Cheyenne Gray, a sophomore from Gilmanton, Wis., received second in long jump, 16-2.25, and won the 100-meter hurdles, 15.5; Heather Incauzskis, a junior from Bruce, Wis., received third in long jump, 15-5; Jessika Smith won shot put, 38-8.25; Genna Boeckmann won triple jump, 32-7; and Meagan Ward, 4-9.75 and Smith, 4-9.75, were first and second in high jump.

"The atmosphere was great!" said Michelle

Theisen, "It was a nice meet to start our outdoor season." With such a great meet environment, the UW-Stout team grew closer. "We are all a pretty tight group," said Theisen, "I can't imagine being at Stout and not on the track team. We love doing it and share a sense of community."

The success of UW-Stout's first outdoor meet, brought excitement and reward. Knudsen said, "My favorite thing is being able to see the success of the athletes after all their work and effort. It's amazing to see people grow from freshman year to senior year. Those four years really make a difference in these guys and girls, both academically and athletically!"

Everyone on the UW-Stout track and field team is anxious to continue their outdoor season. Since the team has been practicing and competing since their winter indoor season, they are excited for the fresh air and the new outdoor atmosphere. Coach Knudsen along with the assistant coaches stay positive in order to keep the team driven. With the coach's positive attitudes and advice, as well as the athlete's abilities and drive, the UW-Stout outdoor track and field season will continue on to victory.

## What 2 Watch 4

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upcoming sporting  
events

### ■ April 20th:

- Men's Track and Field at Phil Esten Challenge @ 3 p.m.
- Women's Track and Field at Phil Esten Challenge @ 3 p.m.
- Men's Track and Field vs Mt. Sac Relays in Walnut, CA @ 3 p.m.

### ■ April 21st:

- Baseball at UW-Oshkosh (DH) @ 12 p.m.
- Softball at UW-Whitewater (DH) @ 2 p.m.
- Baseball at UW-Oshkosh (DH) @ 3 p.m.
- Softball at UW-Whitewater (DH) @ 4 p.m.

### ■ April 22nd:

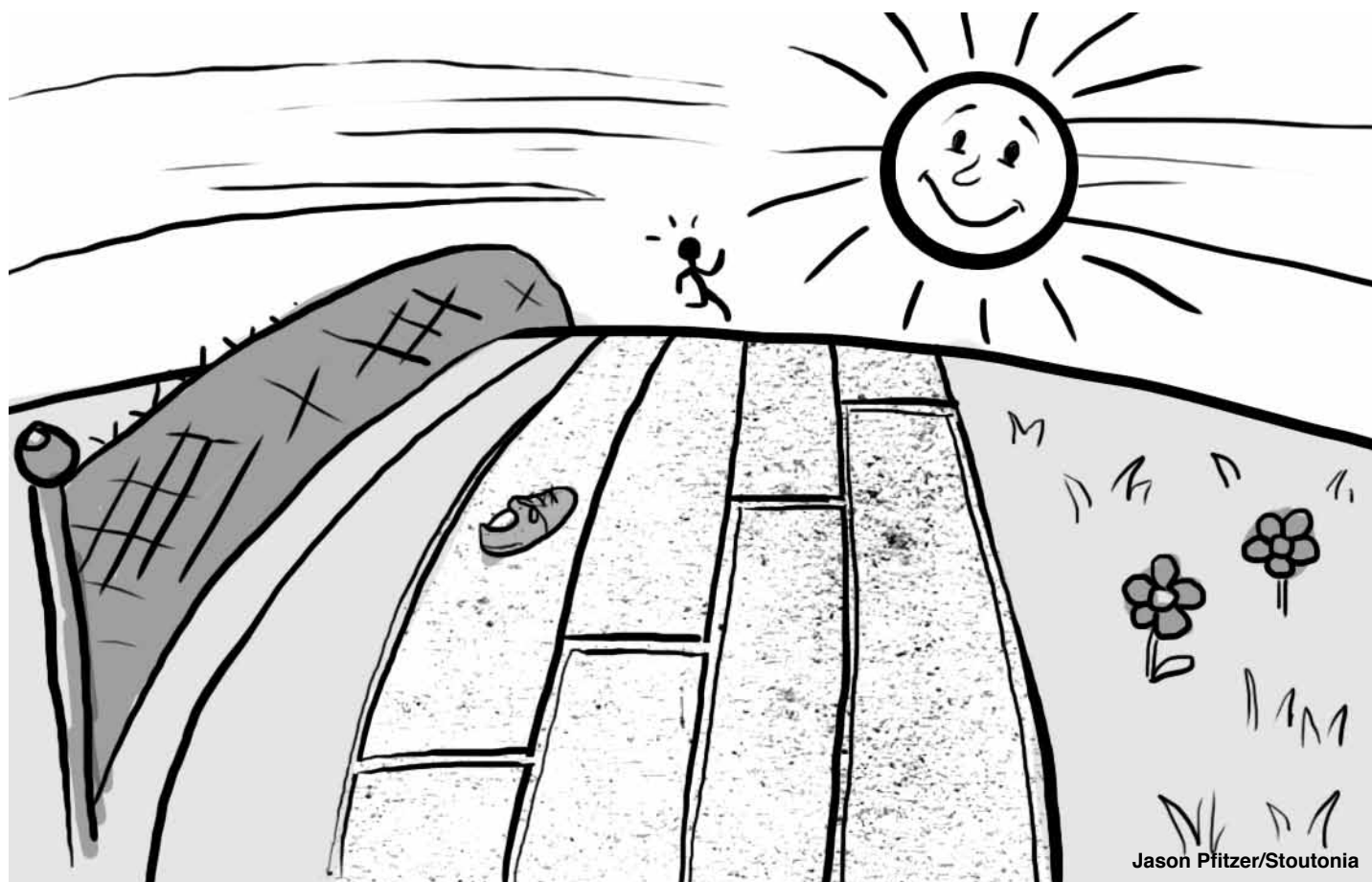
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- Baseball at UW-Oshkosh (DH) @ 3 p.m.
- Softball at UW-Oshkosh (DH) @ 3 p.m.

### ■ April 24th:

- Softball at Carleton College (DH) @ 3:30 p.m.
- Softball at Carleton College (DH) @ 5:30 p.m.

### ■ April 25th:

- Baseball vs UW-Superior (DH) @ 1 p.m.
- Baseball vs UW-Superior (DH) @ 3:45 p.m.





# BLUE DEVIL SCOREBOARD

## SOFTBALL

University of Wisconsin-Stout played University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in a double-header at Carson Park in Eau Claire, Wis. The Blugolds swept the Blue Devils 3-0 and 9-3.

On Wednesday, April 18, the Blue Devils will travel to University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

## GOLF

University of Wisconsin-Stout men's golf team traveled to Normal, Ill. on April 7 to compete against Illinois Wesleyan University Invitational, finishing the meet in 10th place. Sean Larson, a senior from Little Canada, Minn., tied with teammate Josh Grisa, a junior from Merrill, Wis. for 42nd. UW-Stout recorded a 317 on the first day and took off seven strokes on the second day (310) to finish with a 627.

The team will attend the Gustavus Adolphus Invitational on April 22 and 23.

## BASEBALL

The University of Wisconsin-Stout traveled to University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on Sunday, April 15 for a four-game sweep against the Warhawks. The Blue Devils lost the first game, 12-1, in eight innings. Ben Yaucher, a junior from Janesville, Wis., hit a solo home run.

UW-Stout will be at University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, on Saturday, April 21 and Sunday, April 22.

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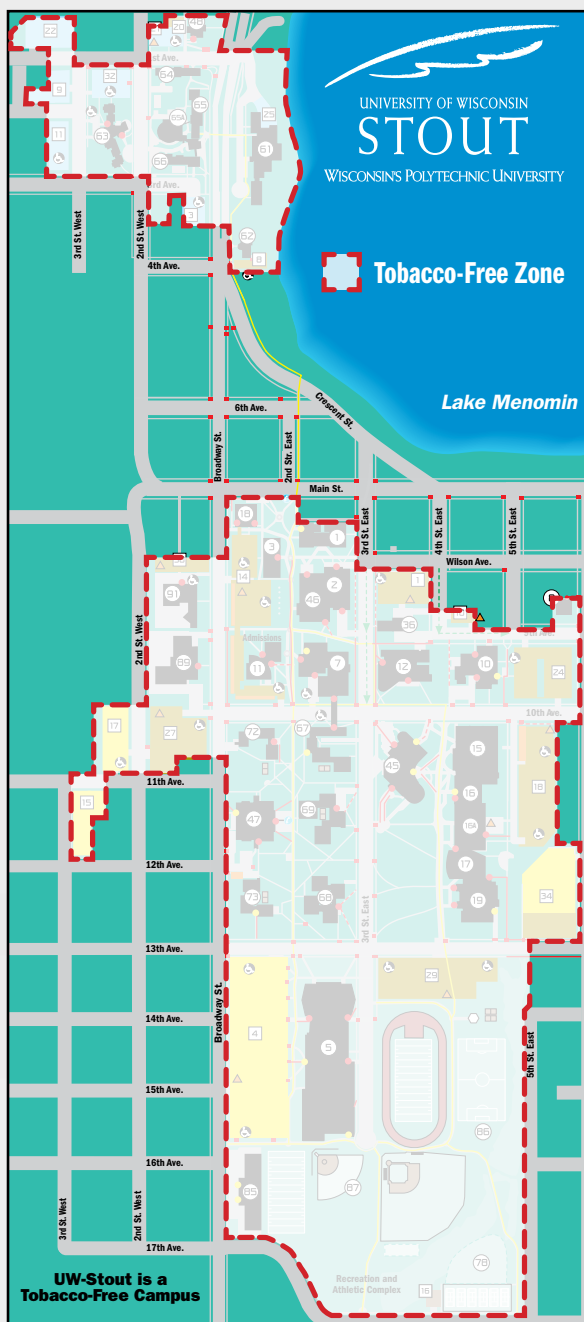
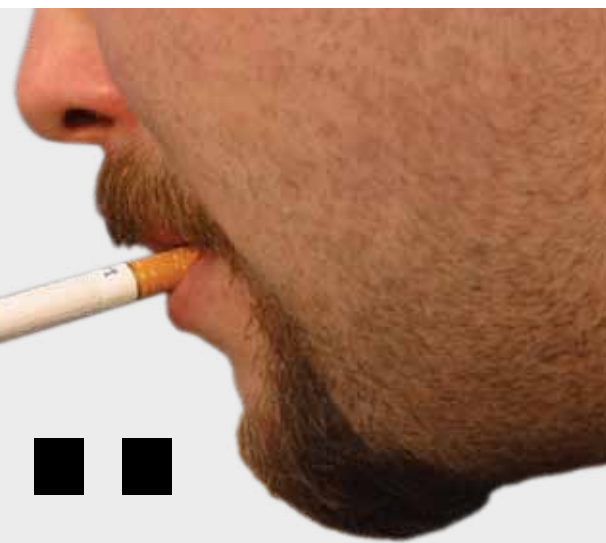
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<b>22</b>  <b>Mens Baseball vs. UW-Oshkosh</b> <i>@ Oshkosh, WI 12 / 3 p.m.</i>  <b>Womens Softball vs. UW-Oshkosh</b> <i>@ Oshkosh, WI 1 / 3 p.m.</i>	<b>23</b>  <b>Mens Golf vs. Gustavus Adolphus Invitational</b> <i>@ St. Peter, MN</i>	<b>24</b>  <b>Kinetix</b> <i>Waterfront Bar and Grill @ 10 p.m. \$5.00 Cover Charge</i>	<b>25</b>  <b>Mens Baseball vs. UW-Superior</b> <i>Home Menomonie, WI 1 / 3:45 p.m.</i>	<b>26</b>  <b>Firkin Party Feat. The Mighty Short Bus</b> <i>Waterfront Bar and Grill @ 10 p.m.</i>  <b>Men &amp; Womens Track Drake Relays</b> <i>@ Des Moines, IA TBA</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>Music by: Charlie Parr</b> <i>Waterfront Bar and Grill @ 10 p.m.</i>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>  <b>Womens Softball vs. Hamline University</b> <i>Home @ Menomonie, WI 4 / 6 p.m.</i>	<b>2</b>			



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"With graduation right around the corner, everyone has to go out and discover the world. It's an exciting, unwinding road that has landmines on it. It's up to our generation to watch out for what's ahead and improve the paths of those around us."



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### What are you looking forward to next year?

These are thoughts from the new staff!

*"I am anticipating having my second home in the Stoutonia office."*

—Claire Mathiowetz, News Editor

*"Next year, I expect to make the Stoutonia office into an impenetrable bunker in preparation of the coming apocalypse. By December 21st, 2012, we should be able to dig out a perfect underground hideout!"*

—Maddy Settle, Digital Imaging Editor

*"I expect to continue doing a great job with the sports section giving exposure to the great athletes of UW-Stout and do my best to spread the work of Stoutonia to the community."*

—Kou Yang, Sports Editor

*"Stoutonia will grow even more this next year because we are going to get all of Stout's students involved in it. We will publish what YOU want to see in your school's newspaper."*

—Monika Perkerwicz, Advertising Manager

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—Julie Randle, Chief Copy Editor

*"Getting my own room with a lakeside view!"*

—Jeff Gebert, Entertainment Editor

### Susan LoRusso Staff Writer

The Stout University Foundation provides scholarships, grants, research resources and other funds that benefit the University of Wisconsin-Stout and its students and faculty; the foundation is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

The Stout University Foundation was created in an effort to promote and organize fundraising and the distribution of donations to UW-Stout.

The foundation has been responsible for campus advancements like the Stout Technol-

ogy Park, new library resources, state-of-the-art equipment and \$550,000 awarded annually to UW-Stout students.

Last year, the Stout University Foundation provided more than \$2.3 million in financial support to UW-Stout. In the 50 years since the foundation formed, it has raised just under \$38 million in donations.

The Stout University Foundation's primary focus is to provide merit based freshman scholarships.

"This year we will be giving over \$540,000 in scholarships to 290 students," said Jennifer Rudiger, director of the Stout Annual Fund. "The economy is still in a down-turn, fewer

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## Stout University Foundation celebrates 50 Years

people are considering going to college, and we use these scholarships to attract new students."

While a significant amount of the foundation's financial support goes to scholarships, it also offers funds to several other initiatives on campus.

"Each college is awarded a certain percentage of funds each year that they can use as they see fit," said Rudiger. "We also give funds to sports teams, professional organizations and even for outdoor science classes."

Funds that were awarded to UW-Stout's four colleges often go to student professional development, which enables students to travel to professional conferences to present their research, part of the foundation's goals.

Last year, the foundation gave \$10,000 to Research Services to help them fund undergraduate research. In March, several of the foundation's board members traveled with students who presented their research at Posters in the Rotunda in Madi-

son, Wis.

Donor support is crucial for the Stout University Foundation to continue to offer funds to students and UW-Stout. Future UW-Stout graduates are encouraged to consider giving back to their alma mater.

"Graduating from Stout is just the beginning of your Stout experience," said Rudiger. "Your association with Stout will make for a very small world; you will always run into fellow Stout graduates. Remember your experience here and make gifts to the Stout University Foundation, so others can have the same experience."

Rudiger said that a small group of donors make the most sizeable donations, but large numbers are needed to help the foundation grow.

"Four to 5,000 people are needed to make the \$500,000 that is needed for annual scholarships," said Rudiger. "Every dollar counts and we need alums to give back."



# Congrats to this years graduates!

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# Fierce competition at Silhouette's fashion show

**Claire Mathiowetz**  
Staff Writer

From an effort that started over a year ago, the Silhouette's Fashion Show is finally here. The fashion show is an annual organization comprised of the University of Wisconsin-Stout's apparel design students, who came up with the themes, designs and outfits for the show.

"They've had shows for the past 30-40 years and each year it gets bigger and bigger in production values," said Assistant Professor Kathy Kujawa, who has been working on the show for 12 years now. "The apparel major was one of the first programs here at Stout, so the fashion

show has been going on for a long time."

The show is made up of student's personal designs; some outfits are from designers working on their own time while others are designs from a class project. This year there are over 60 designers in the show, 20 of which are seniors who are in the show with their final collections, which is required before they graduate. The show has its own alumni judges and this year one works for Target, one works for Kohl's and another worked for Christopher Banks. The winner of the show gets \$2,500 from Kohl's Incorporated.

This year, the theme of the show is Glow, where the final walk of the show will be made up of glow in the dark outfits. The show is

made up of several committees that decided on the theme by following several trends and deciding that glow in the dark is very big in Europe right now, so they decided to try it.

The show also features several different types of clothing, from bathing suits to active wear, and from snowboarding clothes to wedding gowns. There are over 100 outfits. Both the designers and the models are UW-Stout students.

"The most important part of the show is being able to showcase the students' work," said Audre Schwingel, one of the three coordinators running the show. "Everyone should come out and support our program. It is a great way to support the designers and the models, too."



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Dylan Steeber voted for Jeff's in the Stoutonia pizza competition, and he won a free pizza!



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**JEFF'S PIZZA SHOP**

This year the show is being held in the Memorial Student Center (MSC) in the Great Hall. Last year, the show was held in Jarvis due to the remodeling of the MSC. The return to the Great Hall means that more people can attend and that ticket prices have dropped drastically.

There are shows on Thursday, May 3 at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. and on Saturday, May 5 at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. There is also an awards ceremony on Saturday following the show, where more than 15 different awards will be given out, including Apparel Design student of the year. Thursday is the student show, where tickets are \$8 for students and \$6 if you live on campus. Saturday's shows are open to the public; the 3 p.m. show is \$12 and the 5 p.m. show is \$15.



# The Ministry

**Susan LoRusso**  
Staff Writer

The Ministry, a partnership between the Catholic Newman Community and the Lutheran Campus Ministry, has called the “Big Blue House” on University of Wisconsin-Stout’s North Campus home since 1969. Beginning in the 2012 fall semester, the organization will have a new convenient home on UW-Stout’s Main Campus.

The Ministry is currently renovating the former Yo Dawg location, 710 2nd St., next to Harvey Hall. The building’s interior has been completely gutted and will feature an open floor plan, an accessible basement lounge area, new offices and a kitchen.

“I am so excited to move into the new space,” said junior Allison Suchecki, Student Coordinator of Lutheran Campus Ministry. “It is going to look so nice, and the space will really fit our needs. Most of all, we will get more walk-in traffic and get more people interested in our organization.”

Hard work—from both volunteers who are involved with the organization and community

members—has driven much of the renovation.

“About 50 percent of the renovation has been the result of volunteers,” said Tim Schroeder, Lutheran Campus Ministry Coordinator. “Stout faculty, Habitat for Humanity and the Pounding Fathers, a group of retired faculty from Stout, and other community members have helped us save about \$30,000 for the project.”

Moving from the only location the organization has ever known—for over 40 years—is a major event, but The Ministry anticipates great advantages for the UW-Stout student body.

“We will not be an event location anymore,” said Schroeder. “The Blue House doesn’t really have the functional space that we need. Right now we just have our Monday and Thursday night events, but it really isn’t accessible to the students on a daily basis.”

Schroeder says the new space will give students a place for relaxation and fun.

“We will have billiards, ping pong and foosball in the basement. The main floor will have comfy seating and have a coffee house feel to it. Students can come go as they please, and just enjoy the space as they want to.”

“It will be open during the day,” said Su-

checki. “It will just be a great place for students to hangout.”

On Friday May 4, The Ministry will host “The End of an Era” picnic. The Ministry’s original priest and pastor, Father Bill Jablonske along with Pastor Don Wisner will be the keynote speakers; they will lead a procession from the Blue House to the new space on the

Main Campus.

Current members and alumni of The Ministry will be in attendance to witness the blessing of the new building.

For more information visit  
<http://theministrystout.org>.



The ministry's new home, up close and personal.

Nick Larson/Stoutonia

## Toppers creates hype in Menomonie

**Claire Mathiowetz**  
Staff Writer

Last Saturday, Menomonie welcomed a new restaurant to its vast list of places to eat. Toppers Pizza settled in on Main Street and plans to stay.

Toppers Pizza first opened in 1991 and now has dozens of locations all over the United States. It is headquartered in Whitewater, Wis., and was ranked in Entrepreneur Magazine’s Top 500 Franchises in 2011. It is a 40-store

eclectic pizza delivery franchise brand that contains many options not found on a typical pizza restaurant menu.

“Toppers is a franchise. It’s just a very fun environment,” said owner Vishal Bhatnagar. “We have very different house pizzas—such as a Mac ‘N Cheese pizza and we always have something outside of the box.”

Toppers prepares everything fresh every day, including fresh cut vegetables and their homemade dough. There are 18 house pizzas, as well as the franchise’s signature product line

of Topperstix, Oven-Toasted Grinders, Buffalo Wings, Quesadillas and cold drinks.

“We have a superior quality of food and we make it with a lot of smiles,” said Bhatnagar.

Toppers celebrated the opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a grand opening on April 28. The first 50 customers that stood in line for the opening received free food for a year. Toppers has done this since about 2005 as a way to get buzz about the restaurant and also build a stronger brand identity and newer market.

But not only the first 50 people went away with a prize. Everyone who was in line after the initial 50 received other prizes from vendors and sponsors as an incentive to stay in line. The lines started forming days in advance, and Toppers accommodated them by bringing them coffee in the morning and playing games while they waited.

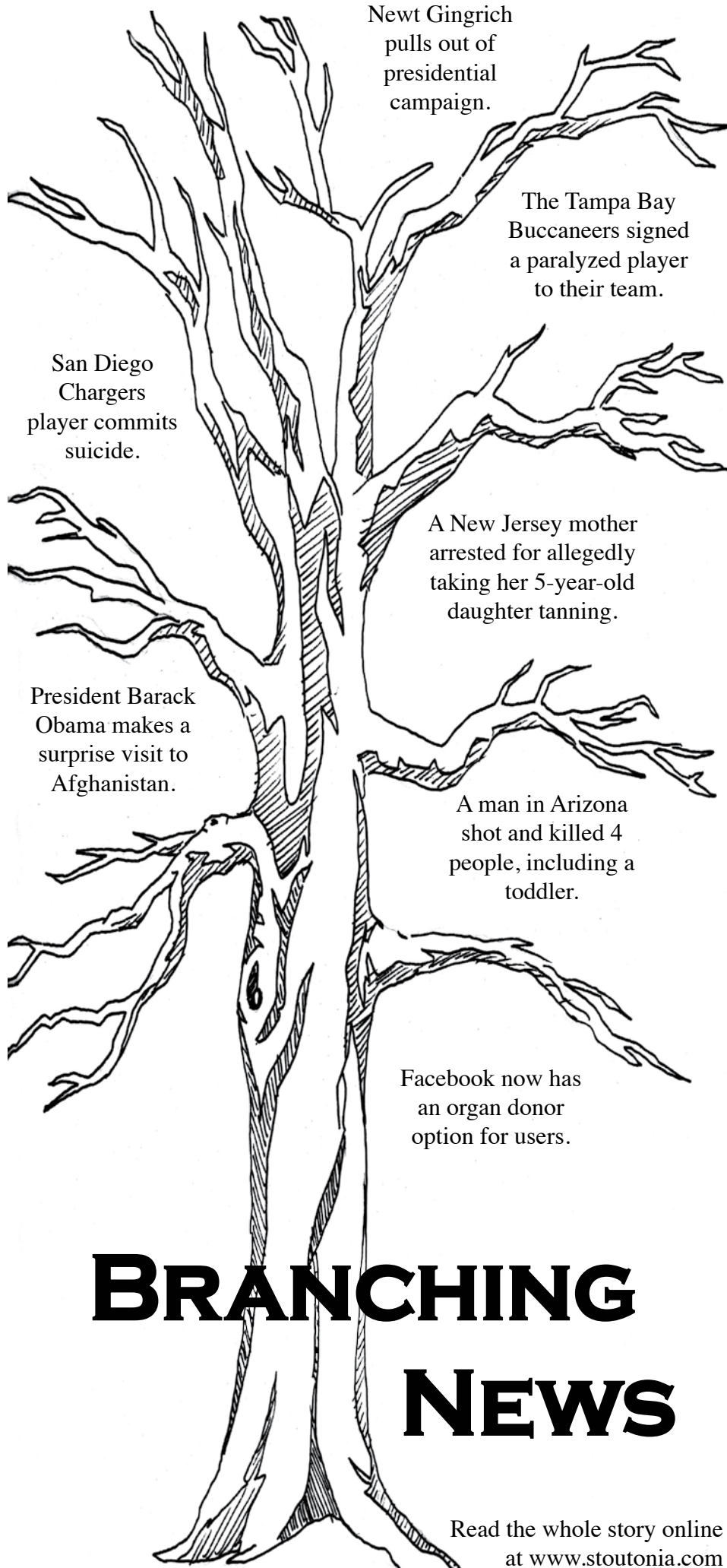
Toppers is located at 406 Main St. two doors down from Ba Da Bingz bar. The restaurant is open from 10:30 a.m. to 3 a.m., seven days a week.



Desperate college students line up for a chance of one more year of meager survival.

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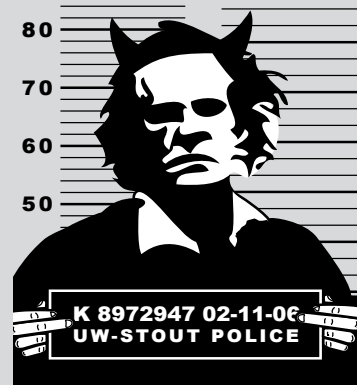
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Jessica Vaysberg  
News Editor

## Citations Issued May 3 - May 16, 2012

First Underage: 6  
Second Underage: 3  
Third Underage: 1  
Possession of Marijuana: 2  
Deposit of Human Waste: 2  
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### Safety Lock 4-18-12

Someone reported that their bike was locked by a paddle lock someone put on it while it was parked outside a building on campus. Two locks are better than one!

### Tag You're It 4-20-12

Someone spray painted a cartoon figure on the outside of one the buildings on campus. Somebody ran out of paper.

### Earth Day Gone Wrong 4-21-12

Someone uprooted a newly planted tree on campus and left it lying on the sidewalk. Someone didn't procrastinate on Christmas tree shopping.

### Edge of Darkness 4/26/12

Police noticed that all the lights between Harvey and Fryklund were out, leaving that part of campus very dark. Just trying to be energy efficient!

## ~~Smooth~~ CRIMINALS

Tales of stupidity  
from Menomonie

### Sometimes Disease? 4/26/12

Someone reported that they found their stolen bike. Problem is, they couldn't remember if they filed a police report when it went missing in the first place. Are they sure that they actually had a bike, or can't they remember that either?

### Lost and Found 4/27/12

Someone left their backpack with their wallet, keys, laptop and other valuables in a building on campus. They were unable to get into their house and did not have any money or identification. The police found the backpack and returned it to them. If only all things were found that easily.



# College:

## Welcome to the Mariana Trench

**Jerad Maplethorpe**  
Interim Editor-in-Chief  
Opinions Editor

I've learned a lot during my college years, but most of my learning has occurred outside of the classroom. I am about to enter what is typically referred to as the "real world." For many, this causes a gut-wrenching dread concerning money, stability and the future. As for myself, I'm not daunted; I've accepted the challenge. Listed below are the philosophies I've begun to embrace. They aren't completely refined, but they might at least be worth pondering.

### **Do not have such certainty about your future.**

Our habitual obsession with clarifying a certain future may be causing us undue stress. For example, think of yourself five years ago. Could you have foreseen yourself in your current situation? Personally, I am so vastly different than I was five years ago that that person seems almost alien to me. I believe most people have similar beliefs about their former selves.

The point is that we have to stop struggling for a certain definite future. As we all know, unanticipated events happen in life that completely cause us to become derailed from the path that we thought we were supposed to be headed down. This derailment causes us stress and emotional agony. Fortunately, remedying this situation is easy: embrace uncertainty.

### **Realize that problems are a matter of perspective.**

As humans, we tend to deem anything unfavorable as a problem. This causes us to want to avoid problems altogether. Certainly there are cases where problems should be avoided—I wouldn't recommend walking into a vat of lava because you'll have a pretty serious problem—but there are many cases where a problem can easily be considered a challenge. This alteration in semantics can at first be difficult to adjust to, but eventually your problems will be approached with motivation instead of with stress. It's simply how you frame a situation.

### **Be open to both those who agree and disagree with you.**

No matter how intelligent, enlightened, cunning, clever or inspired you think you are, you mustn't close yourself off from new ideas, concepts and perspectives. In doing so, you simultaneously confirm your arrogance and ignorance. Instead, it makes more sense to associate with both those who agree and disagree with your beliefs. This will make your understanding refined, similar to a stone at the bottom of a river that only becomes smooth through exposure to a con-

stantly abrasive force.

### **Stability is not natural. Don't define limitations for yourself.**

Although we see things as solid objects, science tells us that everything is in constant motion. In accordance with Heisenberg's uncertainty principle—which exposes our inability to record exact measurements—reality is anything but physically stable. The microscopic nature of reality is a microcosm for the bigger picture.

If we apply this logic to life, we can begin to understand why it is so crucial to abandon the limitations we've set for ourselves. No, I am not one to assert the silly cliché that "anything is possible." This type of abstract thinking is only another limitation: it dissuades us from realizing what is actually possible and attempting to achieve it. Many of your most desired accomplishments in life are possible, but they will require immense amounts of effort and concentration. These two tools—effort and concentration—are the devices you must use to remove the limitations you've set on yourself. But, it won't be easy; that's wishful thinking.

### **Look forward and accomplish forever.**

Every moment is fleeting. As much as we enjoy a certain activity, object or thought, we must admit that it will only last for a finite period of time. As a child, this realization daunted me. It asserts that no matter what is accomplished between the times of birth and death, we truly have nothing to hang on to, to truly attach ourselves to. Even our bodies will one day escape us.

However, I've begun to realize that this sort of conceptualization about life is immature, undeveloped. That is, we mustn't be so concerned with stringently attaching ourselves to anything, except for the notion of accomplishment. Accomplishments are the only things granted permanence in this reality. Inspect the history books to confirm this. The dead are not alive, but their accomplishments remain.

In this sense, we must shift our focus from self-grasping egotism to the greater reality that envelops this universe. As Martin Luther King, Jr. stated, "An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."

"When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one that has opened for us."

- Alexander Graham Bell



"If you want to know the past, look at your present life. If you want to know the future, look at your present."

- Buddha

"Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

- Dr. Seuss

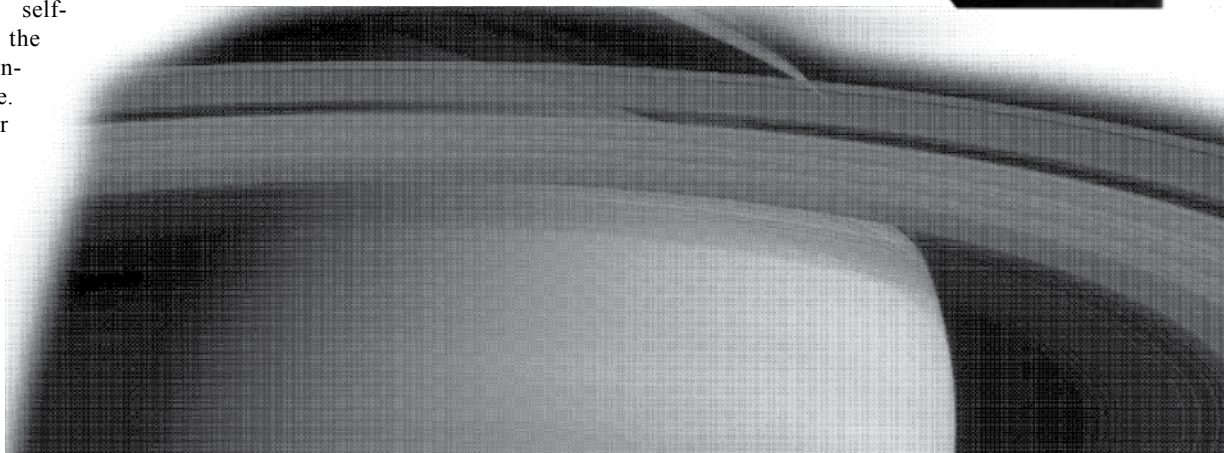


"In the end, it's not going to matter how many breaths you took, but how many moments took your breath away."

- Shing Xiong

"A nation or civilization that continues to produce soft-minded men purchases its own spiritual death on the installment plan."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.





# Final farewells for the outgoing 2011-12 Editorial Board

Working for Stoutonia is... colorful. Everything from ingesting copious amounts of coffee and hydrogenated oil-fried snacks from the Skylight Market, to having "copy-editing campouts" under the stairs of the MSC, to discussing the birds and the bees on production nights has amounted to late nights of spewing laughter, TMI and one hell of a newspaper. Special thanks to the entire Stoutonia team for being spunky, spontaneous and supportive.

Post-graduation, I'll be returning to my internship as a technical writer until late July, when I will begin a year-long term of service with Americorps. My assignment is through College Possible, where I will be working with a team that "makes college admission and success possible for low-income students through an intensive curriculum of coaching and support."

- **Kerstin Johnson (Copy Editor)**

My involvement with the Stoutonia came about from a bit of luck. In the spring semester of 2010, I wrote a public letter to Chancellor Sorensen asking him to reconsider his proposal of turning Menomonie into a "police state." The Stoutonia contacted me asking if I would be interested in having my article published in the opinions section, which I was certainly was. Coincidentally, it was Stoutonia's "hiring season," so I applied for the opinions editor position and ended up being offered the news editor position.

I've spent two semesters as the news editor, one semester as the opinions editor and my final semester as the Editor-in-Chief. I've learned a lot, and I'll miss everyone that I've worked with. (Maybe we'll all start a new age media company once everyone graduates?) My next adventure will be in Costa Rica serving as the Communications Director Intern for Abriendo Mentes, a non-profit organization that aims to improve rural Costa Rican communities through education. I'll be there anywhere from 3 to 6 months, and then I plan to start a tech company. Yes, it'll be a busy time.

- **Jerad Maplethorpe (Editor-in-Chief)**

Writing for the Stoutonia has been great. Getting my confidence up in having published writing and working with great editors has been a great experience for me. When I graduate, I would like to write and do photography in science journalism. Someday I would like to do PR for NASA, JPL, or CERN, communicating the complicated things science is doing today so everyone can realize its importance since we live in a world dominated by science, yet very few people understand it or its methods.

- **Andrew Schneider (Photographer)**

I enjoyed working with Stoutonia this semester. It was my first semester—and job—here on campus. Because I was new to UW-Stout as a transfer student this year, having this job left the door wide open for me to encounter great opportunities. I got to meet a lot of local business owners and started a great connection with the managers. It was very surprising when one of my friends who has been here for four years didn't know that half the stores I knew existed. And this is all thanks to Stoutonia for giving me that option to become an Ad Representative.

- **Pa Kou Thao (Ad Representative)**

I am so glad that I had the opportunity to join Stoutonia as the Advertising Manager. The work that I have put into the paper has been very rewarding and I am proud of the team that I have managed. Writing this now as a reflection, I feel a bit teary eyed. There have been many great memories and I am looking forward to a bright future.

I still have two more classes this summer and will be graduating in August; it is so comforting to have the "end in sight." I hope to find employment in the advertising field and am looking forward to applying my education that I have received at UW-Stout. I plan to spend a great deal of my time traveling and hope to eventually become a professor so that I can teach all that I have learned.

- **Karisa Kim Schroeder (Advertising Manager)**

Soon I'll proudly hold my diploma, put it into its frame and find the perfect place for it on the wall. I imagine I'll gaze at it and think about all the great memories that were made. This town, through the good and bad, has been my world for five years. I've walked and ran its' streets wildly, thoughtfully, and with bare feet. This town made me feel significant, in a very magnificent world. I started at Stout as an undecided major and landed in a program that was a perfect fit and I'm leaving college with a full-time job secured. Stoutonia has been a big part of my life for the past two years and I'm grateful for the opportunities that I've been given. After graduation I plan to do some traveling and begin my career. I feel that the foundation that I have built at Stout can carry me through any experience.

- **Rose Meier (Entertainment Editor)**

I've now worked at Stoutonia for three years. During those three years, the newspaper has changed immensely in terms of content as well as the friendships that were made. Stoutonia is truly a group of unique individuals that make the paper very entertaining and will always be one of the best memories that I have attained here at Stout.

- **Chelsey Kosmatka (Advertising Design Manager)**

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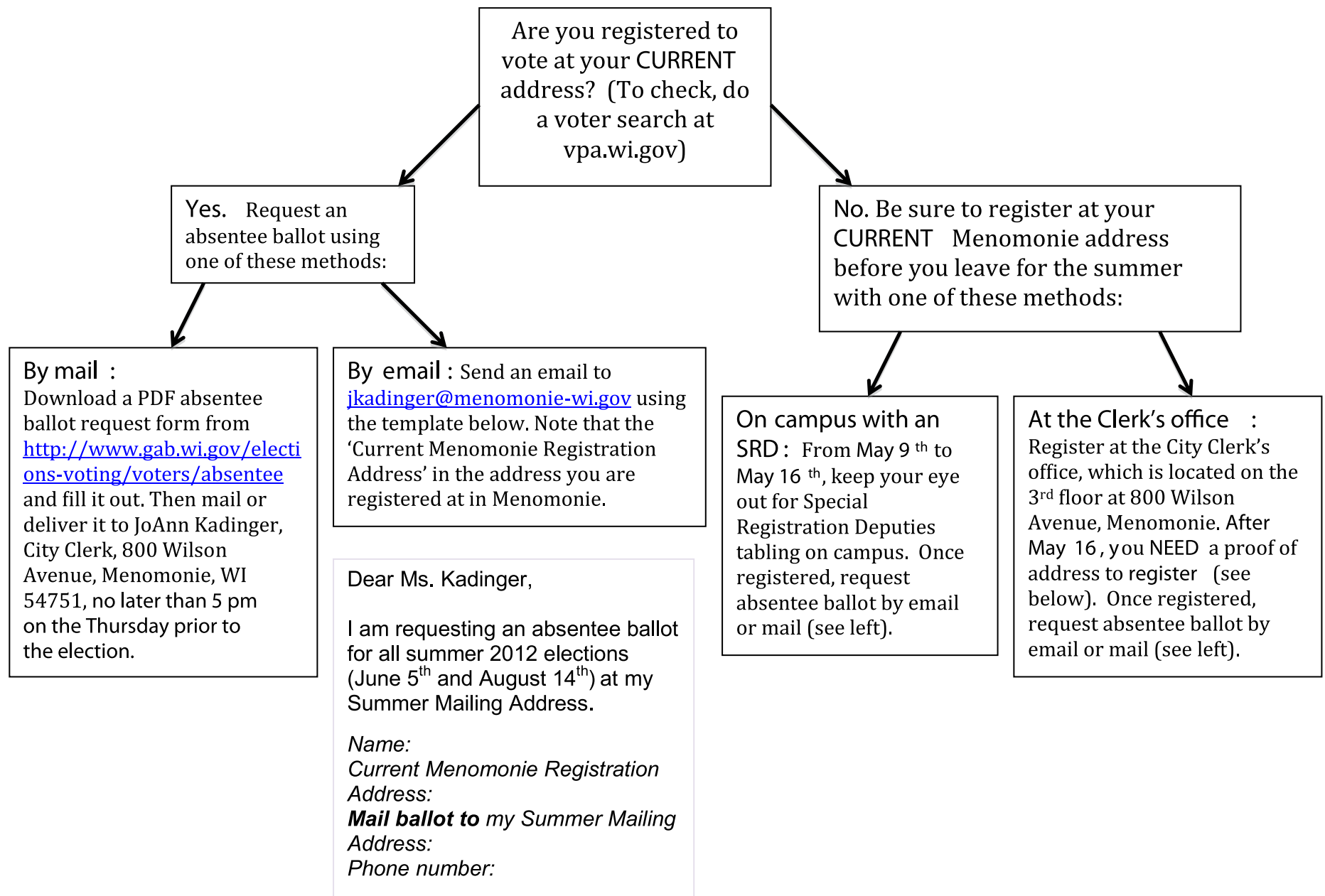


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5	2	2006 5th Street E Apt C	\$1,000	\$200	Very nice apt, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, has everything!	3
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# Dance Ensemble

**Rachel Polianco**  
Staff Writer

Join the University of Wisconsin-Stout Dance Ensemble on Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5, in the Harvey Hall Theatre at 7 p.m. for their spring recital.

So what is Dance Ensemble, you might ask?

"We are a completely student-run organization of about 80 to 90 dancers who love to dance and want to share our passion with others," said Dance Ensemble President Libbie Kussmann, a student in the Graphic Communications Management program at UW-Stout. "Every semester we put on a recital to present the dances we have been working on in the months prior to the event."

As with all performances, dancing requires learning the steps and practice, practice, practice. In turn, a choreographer composes and presents an intended dance at the beginning of the semester in hopes of having it chosen by the executive board to be performed. Enter Marissa Treptau: she has been a part of Dance Ensemble for roughly seven semesters as both a dancer and choreographer; she is one of the 15 choreographers whose material was chosen

for the show this spring.

"In the past, I've choreographed and taught lyricals," said Treptau, a family and consumer science education senior who is graduating in December. "This semester, [I taught] a jazz/funk dance to 'Hands All Over'."

Through her role as choreographer, she has had the opportunity to teach her routine to 15 dancers, though in the past her groups have ranged from 5-10.

"We rehearse once a week for an hour," said Treptau. "There are also times where we meet, like Preview Night which happens in the middle of the semester, to show the rest of the organization what each group has been working on, a technical rehearsal which is a short rehearsal to make sure the lighting is right and a dress rehearsal which is a full run-through of the show."

While accomplished members such as Kussmann and Treptau are nearing the end of their time with Dance Ensemble, others are just beginning. Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management student Sarah Stofflet only has two semesters under her belt; she has nothing but positive things to say about the organization

and her time with the other dancers.

"I love to dance and wanted to get to know more people," said Stofflet. "It is really fun to meet new people and feels great to be active."

Through these three ladies, you can see that Dance Ensemble members are as diverse as their choreography and music material.

"[There is] a lot of variety in dances, music and dancer ability," said Treptau. "The girls have worked really hard throughout the semester to learn the dances and perfect them to the best of their ability, given the time restraints." She also praises the executive board for their hard work in putting the show together and making sure everything runs as planned.

"The audience can expect a great time and a wonderful show," said Kussmann. From ballet to hip-hop to burlesque to tap, as well as an exclusive—and hilarious—executive board dance along with senior solos and raffle giveaways, this jam-packed night should be nothing less than spectacular-pun intended.

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# Falling in love with the Farmer's Daughter

Rose Meier  
Staff Writer

You might have seen her in the local establishments. You may have even been tempted to try her approachable variety, guaranteed to satisfy any palette. You might know her as Lucette.

On a sunny afternoon I visited the place where she is brewed—in Menomonie, Wis. at the Lucette Brewing Company.

Lucette co-founders include, Tim Schletty, a University of Wisconsin-Stout graduate, who oversees operations; Mike Wilson, who manages sales and distribution; and Jon Christiansen, the head brewer and a Siebel Institute graduate.

It was early in 2009 that the team envisioned a brewery. It took roughly 18 months to work through regulations and permits to get the brewery built and operating. The building stands on the west side of town, alongside the Red Cedar River. It houses stainless steel brewing equipment that can produce about 2,000 barrels a year.

I poked my head into the brewery and saw a man who was busy pressure-washing the floors, and he kindly turned off the equipment to say hello. It was the head-brewer Jon, and he told me that I could catch Tim running around out back.

Tim was carrying full barrels from the brew house to the storage area. When we met, he removed his work gloves and I shook a sweaty hand that must have been hard at work moving many barrels. I learned later that Mike was out making sales. These guys are serious workers.

Jon poured beer from a keg for Tim and I and we sat on the porch and enjoyed a Farmer's Daughter—their most popular beer. Jon called it a gateway beer because it's a good

introduction to craft beers for the beer drinker. I couldn't agree more, as I'm a novice craft drinker myself. From the first drink, I felt the spicy aroma hit my nose and awaken my taste buds. The after-taste was crisp and romantic. It's a drink to appreciate.

The Farmer's Daughter is one of the four unique beers that Lucette brews. Slow Hand stout is the darkest of Lucette's beers and has flavors of coffee, chocolate, caramel and fire-roasted nut. Easy Rider pale ale has flavors

of monie tap water.

"Because we use the same water, the beer is consistent and has the same finishing effect," said Schletty. "The water [in Menomonie] is cold out of the ground, which makes a difference. It also has a high mineral content."

Lucette beer is available for purchase on tap in establishments in Menomonie and the surrounding area. Six-pack 16-ounce cans will be made available starting in early July.

Lucette is strictly manufacturing, meaning that they have no tap room and only sell out to wholesalers.

"We won't sell a beer out of our brewery because that would be taking business away from local businesses," said Schletty. "We're happy and humble that local places have put us on. We appreciate everyone supporting us."

The passion and motivation, and the direct mission of brewing good beer will carry Lucette Brewing Company far. To keep in touch with Lucette Brewing Company visit their Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/LucetteBrewingCompany>.

Now that you've been introduced to Lucette, don't be shy the next time you see her. Give her a taste.

"We brew beers that are simple and approachable."

-Schletty

of a hint of caramel, hops and malt with a unique floral aroma. Shining Dawn golden Belgian style ale presents spice, citrus and a malty sweetness.

"We brew beers that are simple and approachable," said Schletty. "We focus on our four beers and we are happy with them. People get our purpose by enjoying our beer."

The northwest coast of the country is the farthest that an ingredient has to travel to get to Lucette's brew kettle. The yeast and hops come from Oregon and Washington. Local ingredients include grain and malt from Chilton, Wis. and some ingredients for special brews are purchased from local businesses. One of the most important ingredients in beer making is the quality of water. Lucette uses local Meno-

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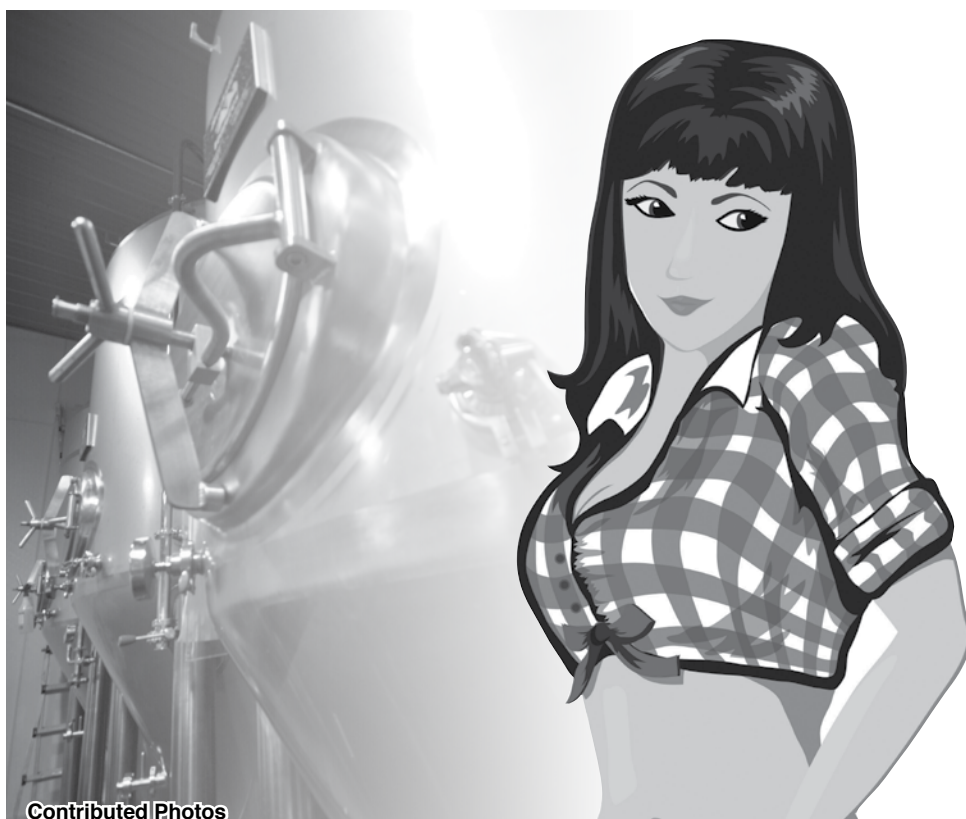
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# Think before you curb your couch

Andrew Scheider  
Staff Writer

Couch curbing season is quickly approaching. With many students leaving town, there is going to be a surplus of unwanted furniture in Menomonie. Some will be passed down to friends looking to furnish their apartment, and some will be cast to the curb for the lucky treasure hunter. Before you make any decisions on what to do with the things you can no longer take with you, consider your options.

The unfortunate case about last curb couch season is the fact that it rained on many of the couches. Once a couch has been rained on, there is no hope for it. This is why you should explore other options before pitching your couch to the curb, such as: ask your friends if they need furniture, sell it on craigslist, take it to the University of Wisconsin-Stout Spring Move Out, or donate it to Goodwill. If you do decide to put your couch on the curb, do it on a day when rain is not in the forecast.

Having a friend trade your furniture for a 24-case of soda is the most fun. You can know that your favorite chair or table is being enjoyed, and can even enjoy it one more time while you share some of that soda with them before you leave town.

Moving large furniture usually requires a truck. Have a friend with a truck in mind if you decide to donate anything. The benefit of Craigslist is you can have the person who wants your furniture worry about transporting it. Putting it in the free section will get rid of it quickly, but if you think you could get a couple bucks off of it, go for it.

As a self-proclaimed expert dumpster diver, I made some excellent finds last spring. Most of what I have found was technically placed right next to a dumpster so I wasn't really diving in, but that is a minor detail. I have found clean and usable tables, TV's, chairs and even an air conditioner. There are many amazing finds out there; all it takes is patience, creativity and a bit of luck.

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# TOPPERS REVIEW

Jeff Gebert  
Staff Writer

With the recent grand opening of Toppers Pizza, many students are wondering how it stacks up against the other pizza choices we have here in Menomonie, namely Jeff's. I had never had Toppers, so this was a new experience for me.

Toppers has a good variety on their menu. They offer pizzas, Topperstix, boneless wings, hoagies, buffalo wings and quesadillas. The variety of pizza on the menu goes from Mac 'N Cheese to the Potato Topper with bacon and chives.

I ordered the Meat Topper Pizza that includes pepperoni, Canadian bacon, sausage and bacon. A 12-inch specialty pizza like the Meat Topper will run you \$14.49. Comparably Jeff's offers 12-inch specialty pizzas for \$13.99. The pizza came absolutely loaded with meat and the bacon was crispy and perfect; however, it seemed lacking in sauce, which is a bummer because the sauce is the best part of a pizza. The crust was nothing too special, but then again, neither was anything else.

I also ordered Topperstix, which are similar to Smotherella sticks. For a seven-piece Topperstix, the price is \$5.29, compared to a 10-inch Smotherella stick for \$8.09. The Topperstix were similar to Jeff's Smotherella sticks, but did not seem to have much flavor. They also weren't as fluffy as the Smotherellas. You do get a pretty decent amount for the price you pay, however.

I commend Toppers on their customer service. I had my pizza delivered to me almost 20 minutes before their own estimated delivery time.

It's hard to recommend Toppers in a world where Jeff's exists. They beat Toppers in just about every way. The pizza was bland and nothing special. It's not that the pizza was bad—it was just so average that I don't think I will be having it again anytime soon, unless I have a good coupon.

Based on taste, service and cost, I give Toppers Pizza a three out of five.



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# UW-STOUT ON BOTH ENDS OF A COMEBACK TO SPLIT DOUBLEHEADER

Kou Yang  
Staff writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout and the University of Wisconsin-Superior split a conference doubleheader on Wednesday, April 25 at Nelson Field with the Yellowjackets winning the first — 12-10 — and the Blue Devils coming back to win the second — 8-7.

The first game was quiet at 1-1 until the bottom of the fifth inning when the Blue Devils scored six runs to take a 7-1 lead. Jon Schoch, a senior from Chippewa Falls, Wis., and Chris Sill, a junior from Wabasha, Min., each drove in two runs in the inning.

The Yellowjackets came back in the top of the seventh inning and scored seven runs, topped by a three-run home run and added runs on two wild pitches and two bases-loaded walks to take an 8-7 lead.

The Blue Devils retaliated and scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh. Santiago Morales, a junior from West St. Paul, Minn., drove in two runs with a double to give UW-Stout a 10-8 lead.

The Yellowjackets returned and scored a run in the top of the eighth inning to cut into the Blue Devils' lead. With a one-run lead at 10-9, the Blue Devils had a chance to close out the game in the top of the ninth.

The Yellowjackets ended up scoring three runs in the ninth, with the tying run coming in on another bases-loaded walk, to complete the comeback with a 12-10 victory. Ryan Gan-

gestad, a freshman from Maple Grove, Minn., went 3-for-6.

In the second game, UW-Stout was on the winning end of a comeback, and ended the game in walk-off fashion.

The Blue Devils took an early 2-0 lead after one inning of play, but the Yellowjackets scored one run in the second inning and three in the third inning to take a 4-2 lead.

UW-Stout evened the score at 4-4 with two runs in the bottom of the third inning. The game continued up and down with UW-Stout taking the lead with a two-run sixth only to have UW-Superior scoring one in the seventh inning, and then took the lead with a two-run eighth.

With UW-Stout down 7-6, Morales stepped up to the plate and tied the game with a lead-off home run in the bottom of the ninth.

Brett Vavra, a freshman from Chippewa Falls, Wis., hit a walk-off double, with Schoch scoring the winning run, to win the game 8-7.

Adam Widder, a freshman from Wauwatosa, Wis., pitched perfect ball for an inning and a third to pick up the win to improve to 2-1 on the season. Starting pitcher Dan Britts, a junior from Nekoosa, Wis., pitched six innings and struck out five, but got the no decision. Morales, Schoch and Vavra each had two hits for UW-Stout.

UW-Stout will end the regular season at home, hosting the University Wisconsin-La Crosse on Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5.



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## Player Profile: Tara Kimberley

Kelsey Penrod  
Staff Writer

Past coaches and teammates told Tara Kimberley she was too small to succeed and some passed her over, not seeing her potential, but she proved them all wrong. It wasn't magic or formulated sports medicine that helped her aim to new heights, but a drive to thrive and a devotion to softball.

Kimberley, starting pitcher for the University of Wisconsin-Stout, began her softball career at 5 years young. Her whole family was involved in baseball and softball. Before her high school career, Kimberley was told she was too small and not fast enough to be successful in softball; this doubt only fueled her motivation.

Kimberley tried out as pitcher during her freshman year in high school. She played as varsity pitcher for all four years at her high school in Baldwin, Wis.

"When people doubted me in the past, I grew so motivated," said Kimberley. Along with softball, Kimberley competed in basketball and volleyball throughout her high school career.

Coming to Stout, Kimberley was one of the highlighted starting pitchers for the Blue Devils and her passion for softball grew stronger. "I really enjoy pitching," said Kimberley, "It's cool how I can control the pace of the game. I'm kind of a control freak and this position gives me all of that control." With this control also comes dedication and hard work. "We play because we truly love the sport. We put so much time and energy into it all. You won't last if you don't love it; otherwise you are just wasting time."

With the season under way, Kimberley has earned the UW-Stout Scholar Athlete Award. In 2011, she made 23 appearances, started eight games and earned a 4-8 record as well as pitched eight strike outs in the game vs. Northwestern University. These statistics proved to Kimberley that she can make it as a Division III pitcher. Statistics, however, don't matter as much as to the team itself. "This sport is about my team," said Kimberley.

"We all connect really well," said Kimberley,



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"This year we have had one of the best seasons in the conference. I love how we all work together and respect each other. This creates a strong team bond which translates on the field."

Unfortunately, this is Kimberley's last season with the Blue Devils. "I'm going to miss the game," said Kimberley, "I will especially miss the stuff that we did as teammates when we were all exhausted—those crazy times when we would all hang out." Kimberley plans on graduating next spring with a degree in science education degree. Along with pursuing her future goals, she wants to become a coach.

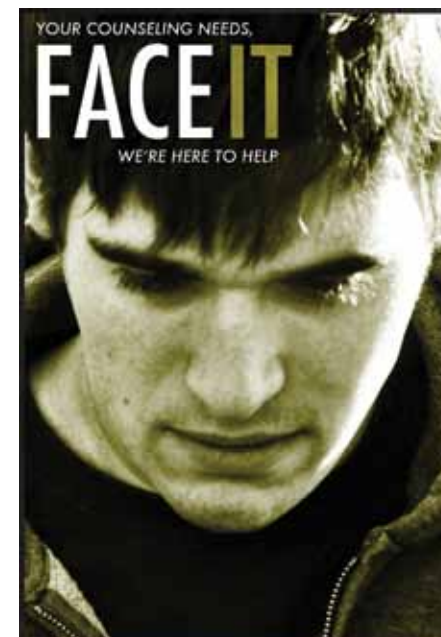
"I'm so proud of what she has accomplished," said Coach Chris Stainer, "both as an athlete and as a student." I know it means a lot to Tara for the team to have fun and be successful," said Coach Stainer, "She has been a huge reason for this year's success, and I feel very confident that when Tara takes her final steps off the field she can hold her head up high, knowing she gave her very best. No regrets! Her cleats will be hard to fill."



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# Zach Anderson's hard work has paid off

Kou Yang  
Staff writer

Zach Anderson has no time to worry about mental distractions; rather than being a one, two, or even three-event athlete, he has to worry about 10. Anderson is a track athlete competing in the decathlon for the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

"It's a mental thing; if you're thinking about how you're not going to do good, then you're not going to do as well as you can," said Anderson.

Anderson, from Frederic, Wis., went to UW-Stout because it had a great engineering program and is currently a junior. Upon graduating, Anderson plans to be a designer in the automotive or construction industry.

Prior to competing in the decathlon for the Blue Devils, however, Anderson was mainly doing hurdles, as well as the high jump and the triple jump.

"In high school I did three or four events so I was used to doing those events," said Anderson. "My freshman year, I had never done any other events before so it took some time to learn a few things."

"I was optimistic and I didn't mind putting in the hours. Coach Laura Knudsen suggested that I try the decathlon, so I said 'why not.'"

In just two full years at UW-Stout, that "Why not?" attitude has turned Anderson into the highest scoring decathlete in Blue Devils history. Anderson set a new school record with a score of 6616 points at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Invitational on Saturday, April 14, breaking the old record of 6573 points, set by Leigh Hartert in 1994.

"It just feels good to know that all the hard work that I've put in has paid off," said Anderson. Even after a record-breaking performance, there is still room for improvement.

"My best event is the 400 meters, but I need to improve on everything," said Anderson.

In the classroom, Anderson is a junior, but on the field he is only competing in his second year of eligibility because he had to sit out his freshman year due to injury. It may be ironic but it was during that year off that Anderson improved the most.

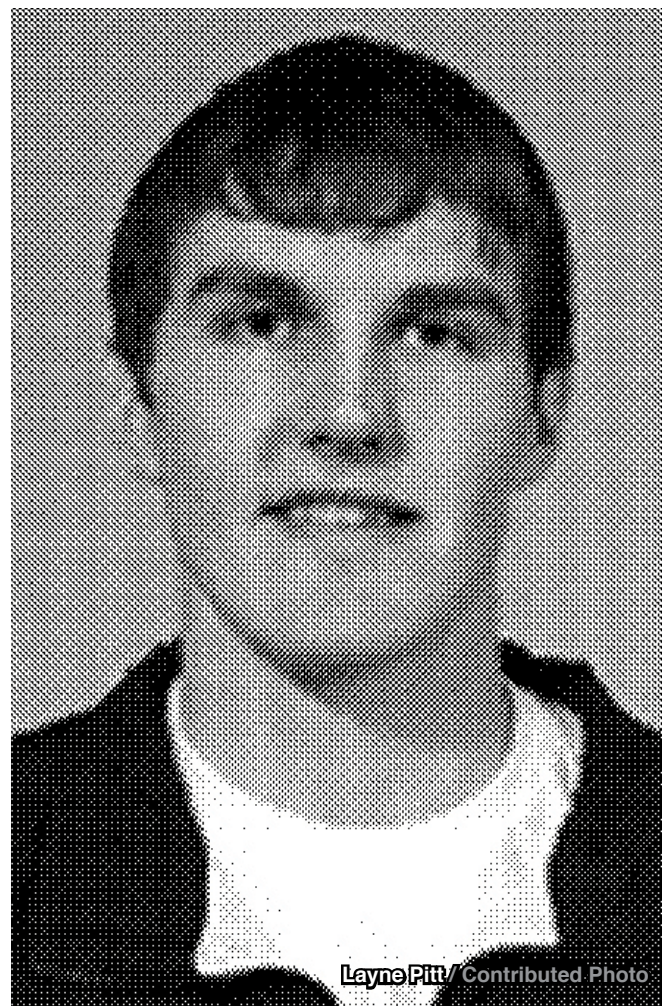
"I focused on technical events like the throws and did a lot of pole vault events," said Anderson. "I think that year off definitely let

me focus on the little things and had an effect on how things are going this year."

Even though the decathlon is an individual event, Anderson attributes having strong coaching and having good teammates to train with as the most important aspects of his success.

"Coach [Kyle] Steiner has helped me out a lot because he has a lot of little tips," said Anderson. "He's been where I am and knows how it is; it's nice to have somebody to learn from."

Only a sophomore in athletic eligibility, Anderson is not done, perhaps not even at his peak; there is definitely more to come.



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## BASEBALL

The University of Wisconsin-Stout and Viterbo University had the same number of hits in both games as the two teams split a pair of non-conference contests Sunday, April 29. UW-Stout won the first game, 7-4 and lost the second, 8-6. The Blue Devils had 10 hits in each game while the Viterbo V-Hawks recorded eight hits in each contest.

The UW-Stout Baseball team will close out the season when they host the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse on Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5.

## WOMEN'S TRACK

Andrea Krueger, a sophomore from Menomonie, and Sabrina Scoville, a senior from Richland Center, Wis., took the top two spots in the pole vault at the St. Mary's University Open on Saturday, April 28. Jessika Smith, a junior from Onalaska, Wis., took the long jump with a mark of 16-5.75.

The Blue Devils will be at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships on May 4-5 at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

## MEN'S GOLF

The University of Wisconsin-Stout finished third at the Bobby King Invitational at the Le Seuer Country Club on April 23. The invite was a 54-hole event hosted by Gustavus Adolphus. Brad Wohlers, a freshman from Mahtomedi, Minn., led the Blue Devils for the second consecutive meet. As a team, the Blue Devils saved their best for the third and final round, hitting a 285.

The Blue Devils will conclude the regular season on Friday, May 4 at the Edgewood College Invitational.



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## Spring Waterski Team

The spring season was short and cold for the University of Wisconsin-Stout waterski team but successful.

Jess Pederson, a freshman from Maplewood, Minn., broke the women's slalom record with four buoys at 15 feet off, going 30 mph and Genna Boeckmann, a junior from St. Cloud, Minn., broke the women's jump record with a leap of 67 feet.

The waterski team will be teaming up with the Chetek Hydroflights to host a ski show on Lake Menominee on Wednesday, May 9 at 6 p.m. The show will have a variety of acts ranging from human pyramids to barefooting.



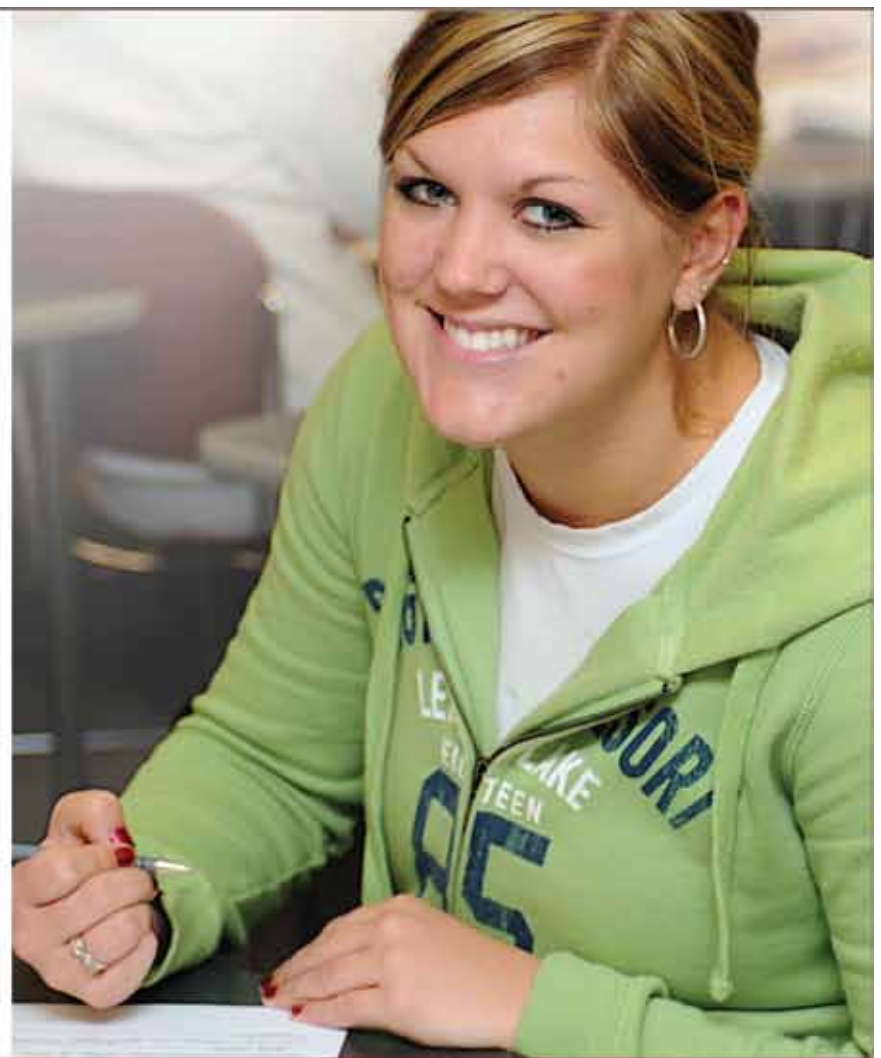
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<div> <div>CALENDAR</div> <div>OF EVENTS</div> <div>May 3 - May 16, 2012</div> </div>				<b>3</b> BDP Presents: Andy's Automatics @ 8 p.m. <i>Terrace Cafe</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Study Day!	<b>10</b> Finals Start	<b>11</b> Graphic Design Interior Design Multimedia Senior Show	<b>12</b> Class of 2012 Graduation Commencement
<b>13</b> Mothers Day!	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Last day of the 2011 - 2012 school year!			





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